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Father Terence Forestell  
February 26, 1956

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Ecole Biblique P.O.B. 53  
Jerusalem (via Amman)  
Jordan, February 26th, 1956.

Dear Father Scollard,

I received your letters this past week — you had put only European postage on them so they came ordinary mail (25 cents to Jordan). I also received two installments of The Basilian Teacher — you may thank whoever was responsible for including me in the mailing list — I found them very interesting and congratulate the editors and artists. But I am wondering if it will go the way of all other Basilian publications of recent years! I hope not; it can be of good service. It will more interesting when we get a battle of words under way between two dissenting confreres. I had already read the first issue — Father Corrigan and Dave Belyea on R.K., an intellectual discipline, when I had a letter from Sam Femiano in which he rejoiced that Father Basil Sullivan and Lee Higgins carried the day at the Conference with the good old moral approach. I am not committing myself as yet.

I am presuming from your letter that you approve the idea of getting the Dead Sea manuscript material. Hence, if I do not hear from you to the contrary, I shall get the volume published here in Jerusalem before I leave in June.



Father Terence Forestll  
February 26, 1956

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The BARTHELEMEY-MILIK book published at Oxford is going into a 2nd edition so we might as well wait for it, if you have not already ordered. You might also add to the desirable list ABEL, Géographie de la Palestine, Gabalda, Paris, Etudes Bibliques. I know of nothing better for biblical topography and onomasticon. I have Smith, but it is more historical and narrative, in the best English humanistic tradition, but Abel is more informative. Gabalda is also reprinting Allo, Les Epitres aux Corinthiens, in a limited number. I am not sure whether we have it; if not, we should try to get in on this reprint. I hate to be ordering so much in foreign languages but the truth of the matter is, the English Catholic world is sadly lacking in solid scientific Scripture studies. Those that are capable of producing such studies are too busy to write and those that do write are usually too old and conservative to profit from the new liberty given Scripture studies by the encyclical Divino Afflante Spiritu. As Dyson used to tell us in Rome, the Church doesn't need that kind of defense. It is that gap between Seminary teaching of the last fifty years and the new direction given Scripture studies since 1943 by Divino Afflante which is going to present me with some difficult pedagogical problems. I am sure Father William Roach would consider me a heretic and



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February 26, 1956

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Father Francis Firth might have some scruples about me, but that is all for next Fall, so we shall wait and see. BALDI is not available in Jerusalem (I saw Father Baldi's own copy) so I shall leave it for you to order.

This morning, Father Milik, the same as above, took a few of us to the museum to show us the work being done in preparing the manuscript material for publication. It was most interesting but I don't know how many of the team will go crazy before the job is finished. Barthélémy, O.P., same as above, is finished now; Stragnell, an Englishman, is almost played out; and Milik, a moody Pole himself, who is head of the team, gives one the impression that he might not last too long himself. I hope not, because he is a very fine chap, and very brilliant.

There is nothing more of interest to report from this corner of the world, except that a new cave of manuscripts has been discovered by the Bedouin but no announcement is to be given to the press until all the material is safely in the hands of the proper authorities, in order to avoid clandestine buying. Father DeVaux and Mr. Harding, the Director of Antiquities, are excavating the cave now. The antiquarians who act as middlemen for the Bedouin have charged as high as one pound per square centimetre, so





Father Terence Forestell  
February 26, 1956

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the problem of funds is a considerable one. We shall visit the whole area of the discoveries in the month of March.

Best wishes to all and remember me in your prayers.

Sincerely in Christ,

Terry.

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E. Blake Coll  
February 27, 1956

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The Basilian Fathers  
1818 First Street East  
Calgary, Canada

Feb. 27, 1956.

Dear Fr. Scollard:

Thank you very much for the news about the confreres and also for the posters advertising the Basilian Fathers. They are very good and are on display in the class-rooms. Father Coyle did not want any definite amount of vocation literature and will send for more if he finds use for it.

We have about three boys interested in St. Thomas More, though none seems novitiate minded. One boy now at St. Augustine's for the diocese might possibly decided to switch later on, from some casual remarks he made the last time I saw him. Four boys are heading for the local seminary so far, though none has mentioned or shown signs of the Basilian way of life. As I mentioned at Christmas to someone I think our place is more a feeder for St. Thomas More than as one directly to the Novitiate, at least in general. The high school course here leaves much to be desired in preparation for the eastern university courses and some further preparation is necessary before good work can



E. Blake Coll  
February 27, 1956

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be done there. However the odd student may appear whose plans lead strictly to us. With the condition of the diocese as it is now any attempt to pressure candidates away from the seminary would cause much friction, though it is not being neglected.

As to the vocation booth, I consulted the others and the opinion is that we have no accommodation for it in the school. You have little idea of the crowded conditions here, no gym, no space even for proper eating of snacks, lunches, etc. So we think it would have little or no chance of valuable display.

Rumors are flying concerning a new high school. The fact of a new one is definite, the location is in doubt. Rumor now points to a property now held by the Providence Sisters even closer to our house than the present school. We pray that they may be true since the alternative is commuting to a distant part of the city.

Poor Father Corrigan. There seems no end of his troubles. Father Wood's treatment alarms us since it seems to indicate cancer.

We feted the bishop lately on his twentieth anniversary as bishop. A dinner at which I was forced to convey greetings from the regulars of the diocese. I trust I did not shame the Basilians.



E. Blake Coll  
February 27, 1956

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We are still deep in winter with regular temperatures of 10 to 20 below. All that cheers is the calendar date which slowly approaches spring. Perhaps the weather will do the same. Ask Si Perdue how the plan for a holiday bank is coming and please give my congratulations to Father Lowrey for his recent share in Simpson' stock.

Best regards to all from all,

Blake.

P.S. Ask Ken Cashion if he  
has some work finished  
for me.

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in the general archives of the Basilian  
Fathers, Toronto.)





E. Blake Coll  
October 7, 1956

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Dear Bob:

At last your letter is being answered. There is not much news from here fit for publication but I'll send it for what it's worth.

Outside the usual local appointments, Father Gregoire is looking after the Navy, officially a member of the naval reserve. Father Purcell continues to serve the Air Force. Those I think are the only ones which could be published in the news. We have about 240 boys in high school, not a world-shaking fact.

The plans go on apace for the school. Since it is a school board venture we have only a consultative vote in what is to be. They plan sixteen classrooms, gym and auditorium combined; shop and cafeteria. To be a U shaped structure, brick construction to match the new cathedral which is quite close. The starting date will likely be the Spring since the plans are not finished yet. We hope for rapid construction as we will need more room as quickly as possible.

We are most grateful for ideas in school construction from the eastern confreres. They have been most helpful. Perhaps we can invite all the members from the east for the opening, though it will be a Basilian foundation.



E. Blake Coll  
October 7, 1956

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The shortage of priests in the diocese puts a heavy load of Sunday work on our house. There seems to be little hope of any easement in the immediate future. The older members of the staff, which means me, hope against hope for some respite or even retirement though I know our set-up everywhere is a series of frying pans and fires so perhaps we are better off sizzling in the pan we know rather than roasting in the fire we don't know.

Hope somewhere in this you find a grain of interesting matter.

Yours in Our Lord,

Blake.

(Letter to Father Robert Scollard answering a request for information for the Basilian Annals. Transcribed from the original deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers, Toronto.)



John R. Whitley  
April 8, 1956

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The Aquinas Institute of Rochester  
1127 Dewey Avenue  
Rochester 13, N.Y.

April 8, 1956

Dear Father Scollard:

I couldn't resist just a line or two to let you know that I attended the Boston Conference of the Catholic Library Association. I presented the situation to Father Fischette and asked him if he thought Aquinas should be represented. He not only approved but he got all the necessary permissions for me.

In regard to the Convention all I can say is that it was one of the most pleasant and rewarding experiences I have had in a long time. One of the highlights was a chat with Archbishop Cushing. I met him at a reception in the Boston Public Library and talked with him for quite a while. I think all the teaching orders of men were represented with an especially large number of Jesuits and Benedictines. Father MacKenzie, S.J., of Toronto and a few other Jesuits and lay people were from Canada. Father Frank Glood and I were the only Basilians. The sessions were quite good and the personal contacts were excellent. It is a wonderful opportunity to exchange ideas.



John R. Whitley  
April 8, 1956

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The afternoon of the last day I took a tour of libraries in and around Boston. The tour included Harvard, M.I.T., Boston College, Weston College, Regis College (an ideal library for Assumption) and others. Famous landmarks were pointed out along the way.

On my return trip I visited Albany and talked with Miss Kennedy, the supervisor of school libraries in New York State. She is a Catholic and most interested in the progress of private school libraries in the State.

All are well here at the house. Fathers Fischette and Prince returned from the Education Conference in St. Louis with renewed zeal and vigor. Cy Udall is attending the Music Conference in St. Louis next week.

My best to all the confreres,

Sincerely,

Jack Whitley.

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Albert L. Williams  
May 14, 1956

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Dear Father:-

Enclosed you will find an overdue slip from your hallowed office. I mentioned to you last August and again at Christmas that Father Hubert Coughlin borrowed this book from me less than a week after I checked it out. Hence if you are eager in obtaining it perhaps you might find it in Father's office.

Things have been arranged for my continuation in Library work this coming summer. I shall be taking cataloging. This should help me greatly.

The education courses that I have been taking here at Aquinas are really a cross. The amount of work required is unbelievable. Thank God that there is but one more week of lectures. I have found the courses very interesting but with all the work and activities of the school it is difficult to do as much work as I would like to do in reading.

Life here in Rochester is wonderful. The house is great, the confreres are enthusiastic, the pupils are good. As you are aware each week we have a Basilian night. It includes a theological paper with discussion. After this we discuss problems, etc. of the school. The results have been very encouraging.



Albert L. Williams  
May 14, 1956

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Well the year is almost over. We have but one month left of teaching — then exams. Boy the year certainly has passed quickly.

Well I better get to bed if I ever hope to get up in the morning. As the kids would say "See you later, aligator."

Sincerely yours in Our Lord

Bob

P.S. Father Cyril Carter has been in the hospital for two weeks now. His knee is infected and won't heal. Last Wednesday evening he almost died. Three doctors were called in and they managed to pull him out of a coma.

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Bob.

(Letter written from Aquinas Institute, Rochester, by Father Albert Williams, to Father Robert Scollard at St. Basil's Seminary. Transcribed from the original deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers, Toronto.)



J. Bernard Black  
September 13, 1956

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St. Thomas More College  
University of Saskatchewan  
1437 College Drive  
Saskatoon, Sask.

Dear Father,

This is only a brief note executed in a stolen moment. Things are beginning to hum here and by next week will be in full career. I think that with my fourteen hours of English, librarying, sacristying, and no doubt other kinds of odd jobbing, I shall be busy.

The library here is rather nice, but just between you and me I was just in the nick of time. The lighting for the shelves was going to be hopeless and the architect detailed catalogue trays that were 6" x 6" x 24". Phew!

What I wanted to ask was. 1) the correct address from which to order the Lynn classification and Catholic subject headings; 2) the address and price of the book cards and pockets you use. It seems to me you investigated this and found out what was better and cheaper; 3) the addresses of some library suppliers. We have none in town from whom I can get catalogues of supplies. I have been well received at the University library but so far deal only with Appelt and don't want to have to ask him everything I need to know. He's pretty busy



J. Bernard Black  
September 13, 1956

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too, moving into his new library building; 4) You spoke of a 25 cent a year subscription to the Ontario Library Review. If this price is right (I don't have a copy to check) I would like the address to send to for it.

There is little news here except of delays in our opening and "more than a month" is the safest prediction. The official open house is due for November 11, I think, but whether we will be securely established by then is anybody's guess. With many thanks in advance.

Sincerely in our Lord

Bernard Black, CSB

(Letter written to Father Robert Scollard at St. Basil's Seminary. Deposited in the General Archives of the Basilian Fathers, Toronto.)





J. Bernard Black  
October 12, 1956

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St. Thomas More College  
University of Saskatchewan  
1437 College Drive  
Saskatoon, Sask.

Dear Father,

Thank you very much for your very detailed letter with all the information I requested. I must apologize for my delay in doing likewise. Father Paul Mallon wanted to wait for an accurate count of non-arts and Newman people but when Leonard Kennedy showed me your request I pried estimates out of him.

All goes well here except that the building as you will see in the enclosure is not finished. It is problematical whether it will be open enough by November 7 for the tentatively scheduled opening to take place. There is an enormous amount of finishing yet to be done.

I thought it better to defer the picture since what is visible is in the Chelsea Annual frontispiece and next year a good shot will be possible, unobstructed. Thus too my fairly long description. I didn't by any means put in all the local appointments and the reason for listing R.K. but not other subjects is that it is a non-credit course, listed as to teachers in the local appointments.



J. Bernard Black  
October 12, 1956

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Chop away anything that makes it too long if you like but I thought the multiple jobs would help to show in the record some day what the people out here do.

The St. Paul's people say that they are lost Basilians, and that confreres ask what St. Paul's is any way. Hence the slight description which should go in the Annals to supplement what the more ephemeral Basilian Teacher tells. I don't think I have any more information so I will close and catch the 5:30 pick-up.

Incidentally you will notice my load is lightened at poor Leonard Kennedy's expense. Total load is 11 hours not 14 but I am still pretty busy. Believe it or not I have given two conferences to Sisters so far. That is not for records or publication, however.

Please remember me in your prayers.

Bernie Black, C.S.B.

(Letter written to Father Robert Scollard at St. Basil's Seminary. Transcribed from the original deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers, Toronto.)



J. Bernard Black  
December 30, 1956

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St. Thomas More College  
University of Saskatchewan  
1437 College Drive  
Saskatoon, Sask.

Sunday, Dec. 30, 1956,

Dear Father,

I have been very negligent in not writing to you to thank you for the inter-library loan and to say when the book would be returned. The man using it, a Professor of Thomistic ethics who went on to get another Doctorate in Medicine, and is now specializing in Psychiatry here, has promised to return it next Sunday (Jan. 5) and I will get it in the mail immediately. Incidentally Dr. Groenendeg found it most useful in preparing a paper which he delivered to the staff of the University Hospital and has been profuse in his thanks.

Along with it I intend to return a book of yours, locksmithing, that got boxed up with mine last August and was only unpacked a few weeks ago when upon moving into the new building I was finally able to unpack my trunk and boxes. Till then I was living out of a suitcase in a room Bob Montague left full of his stuff. I understand you have the Chelsea Annual there and that it has even been read at table but I shall throw a



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couple of copies into the package (it isn't selling well although the alumni are really pushing it; one of their gimmicks is to mail it C.O.D. to former graduates, a sort of gentle extortion that might finance the St. Basil's Seminary Occasional Papers if their existence is ever jeopardised by financial problems.) Those that have appeared so far — The Occasional Papers — have been most impressive. I imagine that Basilians everywhere have been revising their ideas about the Seminary and the calibre of work being done there as much as have the older men out here.

News here is not really at flood tide. The grind of teaching is the same as in most places. I haven't really done any library work except to keep periodicals coming and order the odd urgently needed book. Besides the three courses, Newman work, chaplaincy to the old folks, etc. I spend all my time pretty well on preparation. I have been to a couple of Saskatchewan Library Association meetings — one devoted to a 'Uke' poet by the name of Ivor Franko and the other a Friday dinner for Willard Ireland where chicken was served and I made do with carrots and potatoes. Dean Leddy was made a Knight of Malta recently and will probably go East some time to be invested with the dignity. He is a charming person much interested in lib-





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December 30, 1956

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raries and their work. He helped me trace down a reference expression that had Appelt and head librarian at the Saskatoon Public Library baffled. It was the Cockney phrase, "Bob's your uncle" which, we were able to inform the perplexed reference specialists, means everything's all right, don't worry.

The new building which we are now in has many inconveniences and exhibits all the defects of a place that has been the pet project of several conflicting personalities. In time and with additions, rearrangements and compromises it may be all right. Of course it's incomparably roomier than the old place but not really more convenient as people here will begin to discover. Already they know about things that incompetent architecting has done like not having a clock on the Day-Night thermostat so that is either too hot or too cold unless Father Burns sets the manual control, and like not insulating the pipes so that the cold water is always hot, heat wasted, etc. Such things are not the fault of Basilian planning but of small town contractors, and they can be remedied. But others are more our fault. There are no doorbells, no method of controlling or even meeting visitors, no way of taking phone-calls on the first floor, no way for the kitchen people to order groceries by phone; all of these because of the ahir-brained scheme of putting



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the switchboard in the library. It's like lumping all St. Michael's College in Brennan Hall.

Thus if anyone comes to visit he will either remain in the cold, knocking unheard or walk in to the landing of a set of stairs; this happens whether he comes to the side door or the front door in the tower. If he is at the side door and comes up a half flight he is beside the closed library door and if the library is open for business and he knows this is the right place he can walk in and have somebody paged over the inter-com. (This incidentally is not able to be turned on until some changes have been made in it because it is the silent-snooper type able to pick up any conversation in the building whether council meeting, spiritual direction, or whatever.) If he comes in the Tower door he comes up to an empty hall by the chapel and sacristy and must wander through several hall doors and blunder to an office or as is more usually the case go up more stairs blundering into the cloister to ask the way. Incidentally there are no conventional parlors but will be eventually one little office, and a board room, where he may be received. The only other offices on this first floor are a small one for the Registrar (Father Paul Mallon) and another more adequate one



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for the Superior. These are always occupied with business, convert instructions of which we get a good deal, and business callers. Since there is no cloakroom, hatrack, or other facility if some one comes to dinner, etc. he must throw his coat on the board room table, leave his galoshes with at least a dozen others by some entry door and hope to get the same ones back. If the library is open and staffed or if someone upstairs on the second or third floor, the phone gets answered — provided we are not all in the community room where it is inaudible. The library is the only thing not yet at least partially moved from the old house and if the decorators are finished there next week I will have it brought over as soon as the students return. I was talking to Groenendek there yesterday and the aproned cook came in twice to make calls. This will be perhaps more of a problem after January 1st because the Sisters we are getting will not only work here but live too. They are a very modern diocesan community composed of ex-army personnel whose habit looks like a naval women's uniform and who are irreverently known in some circles as the "lip-stick" sisters. The alternative to their making or receiving calls in the library is to use the private line in the Superior's office, the only other phone on the floor.

However, don't let this litany of disappointment convince you that the place



J. Bernard Black  
December 30, 1956

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isn't a great improvement over the cramped quarters St. Thomas More has occupied for so long. With patience the wrinkles will be ironed out and already the facilities provided for the library are magnificent. It's merely that fore-sight in the planning and the jealous eye of a supervisor of plans would have obviated saddling the library with inappropriate and sometimes impossible tasks. Personally I think that if the General Council were to prepare a list of the activities found to be part of our life — a detailed description of everything that happens like a job survey in the Public Libraries — and then lay down the requisite facilities to fulfill these functions, oversights would be more infrequent.

All here are well and Christmas has been very restful after the first semester which was capped by our move. By February 7 we shall perhaps have seen the last of the wandering plumbers, painters and carpenters. Next summer when I can sink my teeth into organizing the books here and set up routines to handle ordering, cataloguing, circulation (at present they sign a book — sometimes) I shall sound a little more content. Hope all goes well at St. Basil's Seminary Library and I offer best wishes and prayers for you in the new year.

Sincerely in Our Lord,  
Bernie Black.





J. Bernard Black  
December 30, 1956

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P.S. If Annals is out the list of Junior clergy subjects would be useful for theological conference subjects. Leonard Kennedy says he hears they have it in Toronto. Postage enclosed is for the interlibrary loan book you sent. Thanks again. B.

(Letter to Father Father Scollard at St. Basil's Seminary, Toronto. Transcribed from the original deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers, Toronto.)



Robert M. Fischette  
September 14, 1956

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Rectory, Blessed Trinity Church  
317 Leroy Avenue  
Buffalo 14, N.Y.

Sept. 14, 1956

Dear Father Scollard,

I've arrived in Buffalo and am having some talks with a couple of the professors in the School of Education regarding the courses that I shall be taking. Father "Pooch" Prince drove me down here last Wednesday. All seems to be going well, though I don't have very much to do until lectures begin.

It seems as though I shall be specializing in Administration and Teacher Training. Actually these are two separate fields, but I have been given a provisional o.k. to work in both areas of education.

Please remember me in your prayers.

Yours in Christ,

Bob Fischette, CSB

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Robert M. Fischette  
August 1, 1958

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St. Joseph's Rectory  
3269 Main Street  
Buffalo 14, New York

August 1, 1958

Dear Father Scollard,

Thanks for the letter and aalso for the congratulations. Yes, it does help to be given a few extra weeks to have the dissertation in perfect shape before giving it to the professional typist. Actually, the three final copies don't have to be in until almost the middle of October. I'll find out about the cost of an extra copy of the microfilm. We have to pay \$25.00 for microfilming the two copies; but I'm sure an extra copy won't be too much more.

You asked what kind of degree I'm getting. Well, it's a Doctor of Education (Higher Education major) — and is abbreviated as follows: Ed.D.

The title of my doctoral dissertation is: "A Study of the Professional Sequence of Teacher Education Programs in Catholic Institutions of Higher Learning of New York State."

Sincerely in Our Lord,

Bob Fischette, CSB

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James J. Murphy  
September 28, 1956

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St. Mary's Church  
Owen Sound, Ontario

Sept. 28th, 1956.

Dear Bob:-

Received your letter in regard to the news of Owen Sound and I must say that the last year has been very dull and uneventful to say the least; nothing of much importance has happened so there is not much to write about. The only improvements outside of minor improvements was made at Meaford which you will find on a separate sheet.

St. Mary's of Owen Sound has been negotiating for a piece of land on the West side of the city as a site for a new school but so far nothing has come of it.

The number of priest visitors to Owen Sound was not so great this year as in former years; very likely due to the coolness of the weather, we hope and not to the coolness of the welcome extended to the visitors.

Father John Sullivan still talks about his trip to Europe with Father E.J. McCorkell and the wonderful things that he saw there.





James J. Murphy  
September 28, 1956

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In regard to the time of Masses I am enclosing one of the cards that we used during the months of July and August, that is our summer schedule. The Missions that I have drawn a line through are not ours. The time of Masses at Owen Sound and our own missions for the year are the same as they are marked on the card.

Next year we will have to have more Masses at Sauble Beach and Wiarton during July and August, the crowds have become so great that one Mass at each of the places is not sufficient. Also we will have to have a Mass at Port Elgin. Likely we will use the dance hall there as there is no church there.

The telephone number remains the same as last year and none of the confreres have received any degrees. The appointments remain the same as last year.

Well Bob, I do not know whether you will be able to use any of this studd or not but as I said at the beginning this has been a rather dull year in the way of news.

Very sincerely yours

J.J. Murphy

News of Meaford: During the past year extensive improvements



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were made at St. Vincent's Church, Meaford. The walls of the church were completely re-decorated; a new plastic tile floor was laid; a new communion rail was installed and plans for a new heating system have been made.

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Vincent A. Thomson  
October 8, 1956

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Our Lady of the Assumption Church  
Lethbridge, Alberta  
c/o St. Michael's Hospital.

October 8, 1956.

Dear Bob,

To the naked eye, there are no alterations, corrections, additions or amendments to be recorded for this place in respect to listings for the Annals. Oh yes, the phone number of St. Michael's Hospital where I have quarters has been changed to FAirfax 7-1531.

Recently there was opened a Separate School in this embryo parish, bearing the same name as the parish, "Assumption School." It is a little beauty — four rooms at present but with provision for future addition. It has a splendid auditorium with stage, kitchen for serving refreshments for public gatherings, etc. Total cost - \$140,000.

I was shocked to learn of Floyd Crowley's death. He was of our vintage, which prompts the thought that one may expect the same, any time, of his contemporaries, among which we are, of course, included.

I understand that the Superior General is westward bound. I hope to see him in Calgary on his visit there, if not here.



Vincent A. Thomson  
October 8, 1956

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Sincerely,

V.A. Thomson, C.S.B.

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Vincent A. Thomson  
May 13, 1957

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Our Lady of the Assumption Church  
Lethbridge, Alberta  
c/o St. Michael's Hospital.

May 13, 1957.

Dear Bob,

Thanks for providing me with some of the details of poor Ed Hartmann's demise. I guess we will have to wait until the next world to be apprised of the exact nature of both his and Sham O'Brien's passing.

Paul Mallon and I have exchanged letters indicating our shock about Ed. It is ironic that of the group of early Basilians in the first foundation in the West — Calgary — the two huskiest and brawn-iest and most debonair were Ed Hartmann and Dan Corrigan. One is gone and the other's tenure of mortal coil is apparently quite tenuous.

I shall try to compose something for the Annals by way of obituary wrtie-up for Ed. It will not be particularly easy. I presume that it is not needed immediately, if it is to be used for a Fall publication.

Just two days ago I finally received from the Diocesan Building Committee approval of my plans for a church



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May 13, 1957

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building here, and also full authorization from the Bishop, with permission to negotiate a loan of \$40,000 backed by the Diocese. It is hoped that actual construction operations will begin by the end of the month.

I must write to the General Council for its permission to proceed with this project.

Best regards.

Vin Thomson, C.S.B.

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Vincent A. Thomson  
September 17, 1957

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Our Lady of the Assumption Church  
Lethbridge, Alberta  
c/o St. Michael's Hospital.

Sept. 17/57.

Dear Bob,

Thought you would be interested in the enclosed for the Annals, etc.

I am just out of hospital bed. Had surgery for double hernia.

The church building is progressing nicely. Should be completed by late October. His Excellency Francis Patrick Carroll, D.D., presided at the corner-stone laying ceremony in early August to the accompaniment of his characteristic snarls and customary irascible display, during the procedure.

We had a grand retreat at Saskatoon, and enjoyed the companionship and conversations of Fathers Henry Carr and E.J. McCorkell a great deal. Father Joe O'Donnell proved a fine host and set a splendid talbe.

The newly arrived Basilian High School teachers here are comfortably settled in a fine rented (\$125.00 a month) residence about five blocks from their



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school. But are in the parish of the hated Oblates, my contentious opposition in the efforts to set up this embryo parish of ours!!!

Sweetly yours

Vin Thomson

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October 17, 1957

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Our Lady of the Assumption Church  
Lethbridge, Alberta  
c/o St. Michael's Hospital

October 17/57.

Dear Bob,

Since I am in haste to answer your letter of October 15th, received today, and knowing that you want to meet a printer's deadline, I am scribbling, which is faster for me than the neater but slower picking out by typewriter, the answers to your queries re church here.

1. Sunday Masses - 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m. in auditorium of Assumption Separate School since Jan. 13, 1957. The school is one block from new church. Circa December 1st, not that the crowds are sufficient to warrant three Masses but rather as a matter of convenience to parishioners who otherwise (if there were only two Masses) would desert us in favor of St. Patrick's Church, not too far away, from which our parish was excised, since there are four Sunday Masses there.
2. One or other of the Basilian teachers here take turns in Sunday work for one Mass to help me each Sunday.



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3. Date of laying of cornerstone, August 11th (Sunday nearest to titular August 15th)
4. Re new Church. Architect, J.K. English, (former pupils of mine 1936-40) and also architect for new million dollar seminary at Edmonton. Contractor, Kenwood Construction Co. (Kenwood a Catholic, member of the parish). Work began June 4, 1957. Tentative date of church blessing, November 23rd or December 1st.
5. Church Master plan includes a full rectory connected to church by breezeway, but since same would cost \$25,000 -35,000, and we face great difficulties in raising funds for church proper (\$101,000) all notion of rectory must be deferred until church debt is almost entirely liquidated. Such is Bishop Carroll's wish. Meanwhile at back and sides of sacristy, temporary living quarters for one priest are provided, office, bedroom kitchenette, bathroom. Will move into same when church is put into use.
6. No photos available yet. Job not complete, and grounds a mess of debris.

V.A. Thomson, CSB

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Vincent A. Thomson  
September 24, 1958

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Our Lady of the Assumption Church  
Lethbridge, Alberta  
2405 - 12 Ave S.

September 24, 1958.

Dear Bob,

Glad to hear from you and receive the various items of Basiliana. Hope that the enclosed data for the Annals is what you require.

The staff nurse of St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto, who accompanied Mr. Bill Salkowski to Detroit is my niece, my sister's oldest girl — Miss Lorraine McCann. It seems that she received an engagement ring in late August from a lad named Goddard (or Stoddart) — cousin of Rev. Frank Boland, C.S.B. — who is a student at Assumption although his home is in Toronto. Hence her interest in making a trip Windsor wise.

I was at the function of St. Mark's College, Vancouver, opening ceremonies, representing the other Basilians of Alberta, classbound in their respective High Schools. It was a splendidly conducted and very impressive affair in Vancouver, amid marevellous surroundings.

Father Flahiff was to remain there for ten days and then move to Calgary and



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here. As yet we have not seen, or heard of him. Father Joe O'Donnell and myself were the only outsiders Basilians, besides Fr. Flahiff, at the St. Mark's affair.

Best regards,

V.A. Thomson, CSB

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E. Arthur Roberts  
May 23, 1957

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Basilian Fathers  
400 Huron Line  
Windsor, Ontario

May 23, 1957

Dear Father,

I'm terribly sorry for not answering your letters before now. Our remodeling program is under way and it has me going in circles. The addresses you asked for are:

Sr. Mary Andrew  
Immaculata High School  
211 Bronson Ave.,  
Ottawa, Ont.

Mrs. Hartmann  
59 Seridan St.,  
Apt. 5,  
Brantford, Ont.

Your little bits of news were very interesting. I'm glad I passed the clergy exams. I was over to Father Ronald Pazik's mother's wake this evening. She was waked for five days and Ron is holding up well under the ordeal. The funeral is tomorrow.

The roof and interior repairs to Dillon Hall have started. I also have the residence building torn up. The only work on the main building at present is a



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face lifting for the student refectory. The scholastics are on my crews so the work is progressing rapidly. I hope most of the repairs to the residences will be ready in time for the junior clergy retreat.

I'm glad you can use the booth. I'll send it by truck the first thing Monday morning. I'll have a few minor repiars I have to make before I send it, thus the delay. The literature is on its way. I'll send necessary details regarding the booth at a later date.

An interesting course in "College Business Management" is being offered at the University of Omaha and I'm hoping I can take advantage of it. It only lasts for two weeks. It is in the form of a workshop, with work assigned before and after the actual two weeks in school. Two graduate credits can be obtained each year in this way and I could earn a M.Ed. in five summers. It seems like a long time, but under the present pressures it seems the only way I'll ever get an advanced degree.

The big June convocation and centennial celebration is almost upon us. Representatives from most of Canada's Universities and Colleges have accepted our invitation to come and we hope to put on a good show for them.



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I'll write again next week, till then,  
God bless you, pray for me!

Yours in Christ,

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Matthew A. Killoran  
November 25, 1956

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Basilian Fathers  
Ste. Anne's Church  
1000 Ste. Anne St.  
Detroit 16, Michigan

Nov 25, 1956.

Dear Bob:

This is not the quarterly report. It is just a note to ask you to send this young man any literature you may have on the Basilian Order. He may turn out to be as good as the scholastic that Father McCorkell told me about one time. He was no good in theology and couldn't even add and was weak in teaching but they felt they would ordain him anyway because they could always put him in a parish.

There is nothing new at Ste. Anne's since you were here. We had Open-House a week ago today. Everyone seemed quite pleased with the improvements. It will give them something to talk about for the next few weeks. All the explanations that we gave about things were not necessarily true. For example, to save expense the Fathers do not use the elevator to come down. They slide down the railing. I think I told you before that I told them at Mass one day that we had been carrying water from the well and decided to put in a pump.





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November 25, 1956

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Father Dick Wood had a very large funeral. There were a great many priests. Besides the church was filled with lay folks. Father Lajeunesse sure gave a wonderful sermon. It was the best I ever heard at a funeral. It is easy to see he got his training in the Novitiate by giving those little ditties on the saint of the day, especially when Father Christian was in charge.

Say hello to all the brethren...

Matt.

(Letter to Father Robert Scollard.  
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Matthew A. Killoran  
November 30, 1958

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Ste. Anne's Church  
Basilian Fathers  
1000 Ste. Anne St.  
Detroit 16, Michigan

Nov 30, 1958.

Dear Bob:

This is not my quarterly report. It is just a brief note to tell you we received the Annals. Really Jack Atwell couldn't find too many errors in it. I can easily see how most of your time would be taken up checking on all the details.

I have two reasons for writing to you today. First, there is a young man from down home who is working in Toronto and who wrote to me last week saying he would like to join some Religious Order. I know his people well. He must be about 25 now. He was born since I left Belledune. He comes from fine parents, etc. Now he did not say he wanted to be a Basilian. I wrote to him to explain his case to you or Father Hubert Coughlin. It may be that he would be better suited in some other order. His name is Doran Culligan. His father and his two uncles were the people I worked for before going to St. Thomas College.

My second reason for writing is to ask if Father Flahiff and the General Coun-



Matthew A. Killoran  
November 30, 1958

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cil (including Father T.A. MacDonald) would have any objections to you sending me an additional Annals. A family (O'Brien's) without final vows, would like to have a copy for their archives.

There is nothing new going on here. I am busy trying to get the Basilian houses interested in Ste Anne's Xmas Drive. So far they have shown very little concern. Their silence to my letters would indicate they are not interested. But just wait till one of them ask me to give a "Guest Lecture".

Matt.

(Letter to Father Robert Scollard.  
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Eugene A. Heyck  
October 20, 1956

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Saturday, October 20, 1956

Dear Father Scollard:

I am sorry to have taken so long to answer your note of last week. As a matter of fact it is surprisingly difficult to obtain accurate information hereabouts, even concerning such vital statistics as enrollment, people in residence, et cetera. However, I shall do my best.

We are in the final stages of preparation to receive the representatives of the Souther Association who are to arrive on Monday or Tuesday of the coming week. There seems to be considerable concern, in official circles especially, as to the outcome of this second inspection. Some feel that the University has not followed through too well on the suggestions given to us by the last inspectors. It is all a question of money however, so they may be more sympathetic than we suspect.

Father Francis Monaghan tells us that he is an active worker for Mr. Eisenhower in the present campaign, which may help to explain why he has neglected you. I mentioned your name to Father Lawrence Lacey with the suggestion that he do his duty; what results may come of it have yet to be seen. I





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October 20, 1956

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do know that St. Anne's is building a large Gymnasium-Auditorium in the playing field behind the residence. At present they have the steel girders erected but nothing much else. Mr. Leo Linbeck's company is doing the job.

Here at St. Thomas we are in hopes that we shall be able to build an auditorium and a classroom building according to the plan submitted by Philip Johnson, our New York architect. If it goes through it will be located on the corner of Yoakum and Sul Ross, directly across the street from the library. The property of the St. Joseph Society was bought six weeks ago for this purpose and the wreckers are at present in the process of tearing the old place down. It looks as though we are going ahead with it.

I have a picture of the model which Mr. Johnson made up for us some time ago. I shall send it along in a separate envelope. It is possible that you may have seen it already however.

The University bought two new residences for the girls during the past summer. They are both on West Main Street, each providing accommodation for nine or ten girls. The big girls' dormitory (big dormitory, that is) was redecorated, at least partially, in September. Mrs. Peters, the Dean of Women, pressed hard



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October 20, 1956

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for that. She is a very capable women but perhaps a little more forceful than the local administration expects. The total number of girls in all four residences now stands at sixty-seven.

Last Spring the University bought the large Angelo property on the corner of Yoakum and Sul Ross (North-West). It included a house which has become the Fine Arts Building and a small apartment building (1108 Sul Ross) which is the second boys' dorm. I am in charge of fourteen Freshmen and Sophomore there. There are two new houses on Mount Vernon Street, one block west of Yoakum, (3919 and 4010 Mount Vernon) where there are four other students (unsupervised).

Otherwise, I don't believe there have been any further additions to University Property.

The telephone numbers remain the same. There have not been any degrees received this year... The enrollment for this first semester is 139 Freshmen; 308 is the total on campus enrollment and the total in residence is ninety-eight.

The tuition is \$180 per semester, or \$360 per annum. It works out to be \$12.50 per semester hour I believe.



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Well Father, if I have neglected any vital information, I shall try to find it later. You might let me know if this suffices. Say Hello to your confreres for me and do your best to steer them clear of this hothouse. Come down yourself, you would like the weather here I rather imagine.

Yours in Xto.

(Unsigned letter to Father Robert Scollard. Probably from Father Victor Brezik or Patrick Braden? Transcribed from the original deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers, Toronto.)



Eugene A. Heyck  
July 14, 1958

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Saint Anne's Church  
Basilian Fathers  
2140 Westheimer Road  
Houston 6, Texas

July 14, 1958

Dear Father Scollard,

My faculty sheet for blessing rosaries, medals, and other religious objects arrived today. It didn't take nearly so long as I thought it would. If you need this information for your files or the Annals, they are valid until July 7, 1965. Father Tom McGillis also has the faculties until the same date. I have obtained from the Vincentian Fathers the lifetime faculty of blessing and enrolling in the Miraculous Medal.

I would like to get a copy of the complete text of the instruction of the Sacred Congregation of Religious on co-education. Do you know where it is available, preferably in English? There is a commentary by Father Connell in the May issue of the American Ecclesiastical Review.

Your letter regarding the junior clergy exams seems to imply that I have successfully passed all but the 1956 examination. Is that correct? I certainly hope so!





Eugene A. Heyck  
July 14, 1958

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Things are running very smoothly under Father Lacey's new administration. We are getting ready for the annual novena to St. Anne which, I understand, is quite an important event in the parish. Father Stamm, a Vincentian, the vice-rector of the diocesan seminary, will be the preacher.

Thank you very much for your prompt handling of the faculties. I am now fully equipped for the many requests I get at Marian High School to bless various articles.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bene Heyck.

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Eugene A. Heyck  
October 19, 1958

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Saint Anne's Church  
Basilian Fathers  
2140 Westheimer Road  
Houston 6, Texas

October 19, 1958

Dear Father Scollard,

Father Lacey tells me that the information for the Annals from St. Anne's was mailed to you a few days ago and therefore has probably reached you since you wrote to me. So I will not elaborate on those details.

However, you may be interested in including something about the work at Marian High School since it is a full-time Basilian assignment. We have 507 students, of which 124 are seniors. The freshman class was limited to 150 and acceptance was based on scores of a standardized SRA test administered to Grade Eight students last spring. I teach religion during four periods of each day in Grades Nine through Twelve on a rotation basis such that I am with each student in the school for a period of two weeks out of each eight. My portion of the work covers the Mass and the Sacrament of Penance, Grade Nine; Sixth and Ninth Commandments, Grade Ten; rational proofs for existence of God, communism and prag-



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matism, Grade Eleven; and religious vocations and Matrimony, Grade Twelve. The boys and girls are in s eparate sections for all classes in religion. There is also a confession period scheduled for each Thursday. I am available for individual guidance and direction during parts of the two periods when I am not in the classroom. The response to this phase of the work has been very gratifying.

Academically, we are doing very well also. Three of our first graduating class were accepted at Rice. Unfortunately, there are only seven who are at the University of St. Thomas. This is not the result of a lack of quality students or a lack of publicity on the advantages of a Catholic education. The difficulty is that the students cannot be interested in the liberal arts program as it is offered at the University. It is too limited in scope to suit most of them. Sixteen of our graduates are at the University of Texas and twenty are at the University of Houston. We had one vocation, a girl, from last year's class but I'm sure that there will be several from the present senior class.

We are very proud of our two semi-finalists in the National Merit Scholarship program. Marian is the only Catholic school in the Galveston diocese to place candidates in the semi-final competition.



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October 19, 1958

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I wish you would include my name on the community mailing list for those items which would be of interest to me in high school work. For instance, vocation literature and guidance information would be very helpful.

Please give my regards to the confreres.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Gene Heyck, C.S.B.

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John A. Warren  
November 7, 1956

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Department of National Defense  
Royal Canadian Air Force  
Summerside, P.E.I.

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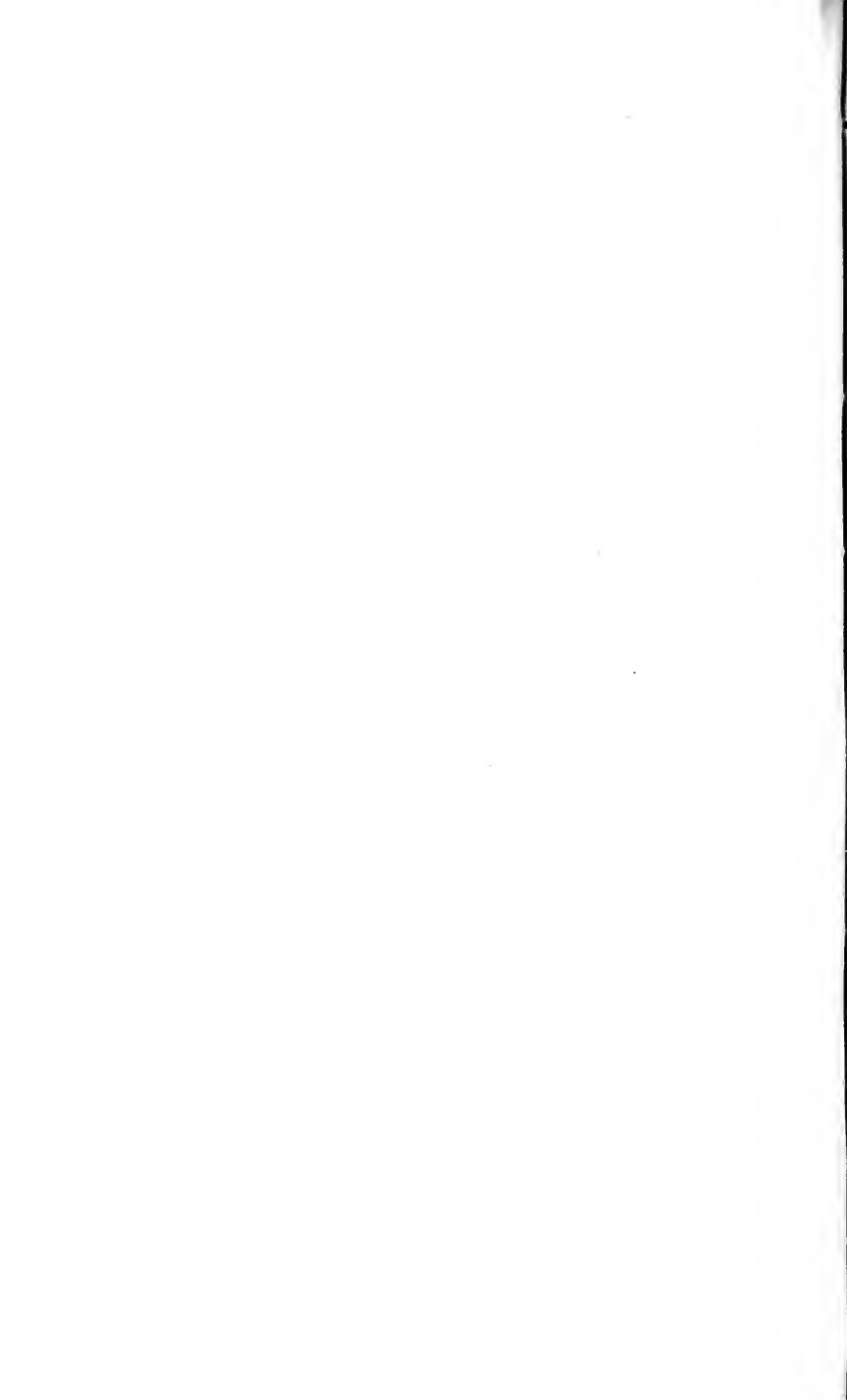
Dear Bob:

Many thanks for your kind and quick co-operation. Your letter arrived a few days ago, and the books came in today. Both are very much appreciated. I enjoyed getting so many items of Basilian news from you — keeps me in touch with things. The Basilian Teacher just arrived too; it, likewise is very welcome with its up-to-date flashes from the various houses. I chuckled when I read that John Onorato has been promoted to bus driver.

You mention the possibility of two New Novitiates. Are the powers-that-be thinking of establishing one in the Canadian West? You've got me curious now wondering where they are to be located.

Your item re Father Willett came as a surprise. I didn't know he'd had a heart attack. The last I saw or heard of Joe, he was suffering from ulcers.

Thanks for your news of the members who are ill; I shall certainly write them and hope it may help a bit. A letter from



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November 7, 1956

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my mother last week announced Joe Timmons' condition; a shock to me. Ed Hartmann used to be a fairly faithful correspondent, keeping me abreast of Assumption doings, but he has fallen down lately. Hence I was unaware of Dick Wood's being in the hospital. I saw him last July when I visited Assumption; but at that time he was in the infirmary but doing a bit of work every day. It hurt to hear of a young feller like that being so afflicted.

Things are fairly quiet here in my department — only two or three under instruction, but by this time next week it may be up to a dozen; such activity has its ups and downs. There are about 735 souls to be taken care of; about 150 single men (only seven air women, Deo Gratias!) in barracks, 86 families living in the Married quarters, and 53 families living in the nearby hamlets. Of the 253 houses for the married people, 86 are occupied by Catholics; a fair percentage but I wish it were the other way around. Our chapel is practically filled every Sunday for both Masses but my next door neighbour's house of heresey is sparsely populated. The Prot chaplain is an Anglican of the first order; high as they come — refers to other Anglican ministers as "Father So-and-so", which gripes me. So far we have operated on very friendly terms; I only hope it perseveres. The other day he has the



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Prince County Ministerial Association meeting here; luncheon in the Mess, tour of the Station, brief cocktail party before lunch — all the trimmings. And the beggar had the nerve to tender me an invitation to the luncheon (at a dollar a plate!) I suddenly had an appointment in Charlottetown, which at the last minute did not materialize, and it was then too late to get to the luncheon. These Protestant chaplains leave me colder than a polar bear's nose.

I wanted to write to your music director at the Seminary, but don't know who it is. Our choir director wants to know if we can obtain anywhere an English version of the "Paroissien Romain", published by Desclée et Cie. Do you think your music man could be of any help? Or perhaps, for our modest needs, which are limited pretty well to the Missa de Angelis and the Mass of St. Basil, plus Christmas, Holy Week and Easter music, we could manage very well with something less than an English paroissien. I'm completely ignorant of musical publications and would appreciate some information on such.

Thanks again for the books; I've looked them over briefly and am sure I'll find them most suitable. Thanks again for the news. The "Occasional Papers" just arrived — since I began this letter. This issue will prove interesting and



John A. Warren  
November 7, 1956

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informative to me; I can use this in my instructions.

Best regards to the Fathers,

Sincerely in Christ,

J. Warren

P.S. Just noticed that the Prot Chaplain has a copy of Infallible Fallacies, which you undoubtedly know. I'm told there is an answer to it entitled "Anglicans Anonymous" — know where I could lay hands on a couple of copies?

(Letter to Father Robert Scollard.  
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Russell A. Pendergast  
June 10, 1957

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St. John Fisher College  
3690 East Avenue  
Rochester 18, New York

June 10th, 1957

Dear Father Scollard;

This letter is one that will be easy to read.

The Doctorate has finally been achieved. It was conferred in absentia last May 27th, and over the weekend the certificate arrived in the mail. The essential facts are the following:

The degree, Doctor of Philosophy granted by the Faculty of Arts in the Department of History, Graduate Division of the University of Ottawa.

The thesis, The XY Company 1798 to 1804. This work is in the field of the economic development of Canada. The materials were discovered and interpreted by the author. These materials were the Books of Account of the XY Company, one of the transcontinental fur trading enterprises. The Books were found in the Archives du Grand Séminaire de Québec.

Should you need any more information on the magnum opus, you can depend on it that I will write to you soon and at length.

Russ Pendergast, CSB

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Paul J. Meloche  
September 30, 1957

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Basilian Fathers  
1818 First Street East  
Calgary, Alberta  
September 30, 1957

Dear Father Scollard,

Your letter requesting information for the Annals found me surrounded by mountains of uncorrected test papers. My desk is still littered with them, but I've delayed long enough in forwarding you the information. Please note the new phone number at the residence.

Thank you for the added paragraph. It is not often that someone will write to give us news. Of course, that works both ways. I'm still living with my first impressions of Calgary and honestly I'm very pleased. As expected, I find it different from Assumption but I refuse to make comparisons on the grounds that such are odious. I'm teaching all the French and all the Latin (6 preparations) — so far, so good. I have a question to ask about vocations but in an attempt to get his off without further delay, I shall reserve it until later — it can wait.

Reagrds to all.

Sincerely in Christ,

Paul

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Edward J. McMahon  
September 15, 1957

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Basilian Fathers  
429 - 13th Street South  
Lethbridge, Alberta

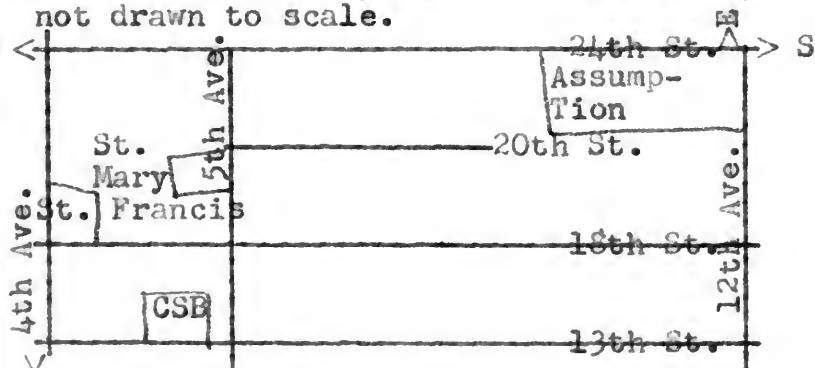
September 15, 1957.

Dear Bob,

Thank you for your letter and all the valuable information. I will endeavour to give you the information you requested. Phone number: FAirfax 7-6618.

School: Junior and Senior High School, Grades 7 to 12. Two seven grades and one each of 8, 9, 10, 11, 12. Enrolment 217. Staff: 6 lay teachers, 3 Basilians. One of the lay teachers is full time shop. Next year there will be two full time shop teachers. At present we have classroom accomodations in St. Mary's grade school. Present indications are that we shall be able to move into the new school the beginning of the new year

I will endeavour to give you the approximate locations by means of a diagram, not drawn to scale.





Edward J. McMahon  
September 15, 1957

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I hope that diagram gives you some idea of the various locations — I do not know the exact distances in miles.

I am enclosing an article which was published in the Lethbridge Herald, Saturday, September 13th. There are a few mistakes but everyone thinks the article very good.

We have a nice residence — it will be nicely furnished; some of the furniture will not be here for a couple of days; desks, dressers and book cases. Our chapel is small but very nice; a friend of ours in Calgary is making four prie dieus which have not yet arrived. Many people have been very generous with their time in helping us get the residence ready.

Father Vincent Thomson was back on the job this weekend following his operation which detained him in the hospital for two weeks. Beginning October 1 he will have three Masses and one of us will assist him. The Assumption Church is very nice and should be ready by the end of October at least.

Thank you for the books you are sending — we have a couple of old copies of Constitutions and Rule and will finish reading them this week. We also shall be looking forward to receiving your





Edward J. McMahon  
September 15, 1957

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correspondence during the year.

Sincerely yours in Christ

Ed. McMahon, C.S.B.

(Letter to Father Robert Scollard.  
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John F. Collins  
September 10, 1957

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Post Office Box 166  
Sugar Land, Texas  
Sept 10/57

Dear Bob:

Does the Community have any Mass foundations? That is do we take any? A couple of people have asked me lately about them. If we do, what is the cost "ad perpetuum?"

Had a very succesful novena to Our Lady of Fatima in my home town, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio. Averaged 1000 people each night for ten nights. I also had an excellent appeal for the Missions.

All are well on the Missions. We are preparing for our Big Bazaar, which seems headed for another successful year. The new centre at Angleton is doing fine. Everyone seems to be happy about it.

Regards to all.

As ever,

John Collins

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John F. Collins  
October 3, 1958

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Mission Director  
Basilian Fathers Missions  
Post Office Box 966  
Rosenberg, Texas

October 3, 1958

Dear Bob:

Enclosed the information for the Annals. I am sorry that I do not have any pictures, but there is just nothing at this particular time that would suit.

We are all busy as can be getting ready for our big bazaar this coming Sunday. Times are not as good as last year and we expect to be some lower on our returns.

Wilf Murphy is doing fine. I saw him a couple of days ago.

You should get a chance to see Frank Launtrie this month. He is taking his holidays after the bazaar. Bob Hall is fitting in well. Father Robert Lowrey is starting to get into the swim.

We are having unusually cold weather. It was 46 degrees last night and that is cold for this part of the country.

Hugh Nolan arrived. However, I have not had a chance to see him yet. Bill Duggan said he seemed quite happy.



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We are all ready to start work on the new church at St. Theresa's, but a carpenters strike is holding the work up. They won't work when one craft is on strike. I think that we will have a really beautiful church at minimum cost.

Apart from a run of colds and flu all the confreres on the Missions are well.

Regards to all the confreres.

May God bless you,

As ever,

John Collins.

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Joseph B. Courtney  
September 25, 1957

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University of St. Thomas  
3812 Montrose Boulevard  
Houston 6, Texas

September 25, 1957

Dear Father Scollard,

You must be a mind-reader. Had just gathered my material preparatory to sending it along when I received your letter with the form. Have typed all the information I believe you would desire on this — am afraid it is too much, but I'm sure you would prefer to have too much than too little — I'll leave the editing up to you.

Evidently the transcript reached the University of Houston because I registered without any trouble and have attended several classes already. Things go well, although the weather has been atrocious — torrential rains for several days now. I have a beaut of a cold and am praying it doesn't turn into this Asiatic flu of which you no doubt have heard much.

You said: "Believe it or not I have managed to get more furniture into the office." Frankly I don't believe it, unless you used sky hooks. Am sure that my replacement is most competent — my best to him, Jim and Art. (Plus whomever else you may have and didnt' mention.)



Joseph B. Courtney  
September 25, 1957

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Father John Collins came in over the last weekend. He went out to Ellington Field on Sunday with Father Patrick Braden (a regular part-time chaplain there) to preach on behalf of the Missions. Haven't heard how they made out but I'm sure they did well.

This Sunday I go over to St. Anne's to say the 12:10 and to preach. Say a prayer for me. It's the feast of St. Michael so perhaps I should preach on THE St. Michael's College. Sunday work here is a joy. We're either picked up or go to the place by car. Even St. Anne's which is only about a mile away sends a car for us. I should live so good.

Was surprised to hear that the site for the American Novitiate had not been purchased. We had heard that the deal had gone through. Hope that the one in Michigan does come through — although myself I would prefer something farther south.

Houston has changed so much I hardly recognized some of the parts. All the surrounding area has built up tremendously. As you know, three Catholic high schools (all co-ed) have opened in the past few years and now there is talk of St. Agnes ( a girls' high school run by the Dominican Sisters) building a new place on the outskirts of the city. Their present place is antiquated and is



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practically downtown now. Consequently if they decide to build outside the city they will get an excellent price for their downtown property. Incidentally the growth of the downtown area has made our property increasingly valuable. By the same token it has realised the price of adjacent property which we will have to buy sooner or later.

Enough rambling.

In Christ,

Joe

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Joseph B. Courtney  
October 17, 1958

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University of St. Thomas  
3812 Montrose Boulevard  
Houston 6, Texas

Thursday, October 17th

Dear Father Scollard,

For fear that you would be calling me long distance I am forwarding this information and hope to have the pictures you requested in a few days. I made arrangements with the photographer after I received your letter, but then we had a visit from a photographer for LIFE and TIME. (We may be featured in one of the forthcoming issues of either or both magazines — look for me, I should be front and center). She however, never came through with the prints she promised me, so I have to rely on the other man.

I am enclosing a mimeographed folder which we circulated and also a clipping from a columnist which you may use if you so desire. I will send a copy describing the art collection when I send the pictures.

Deo Gratias, all goes well here, though as you know we are busier than a one-armed paperhanger with St. Vitus Dance. I think we will be out of the woods student wise this coming year since we





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had 164 full-time freshmen to start this year. I anticipate turning them away by the score next year. I know we will have 225 freshmen next September, but others here talk in terms of 300. That of course would necessitate a tremendous increase in staff. How about lining up Jim Daley to come down here for a full-time job teaching philosophy. We can surely use him.

All for the while, I'll write further when I send the pictures. My best to all and sundry up there in the cold north. Tell Father John Kraus I owe him a letter one of these months.

In Christ,

Joe.

(Letter from Father Joseph Courtney to Father Robert Scollard. Transcribed from the original deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers, Toronto.)



James A. Donlon  
September 26, 1957

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Assumption Church  
2775 London St. West  
Windsor, Ontario

Sept 26, 1957

Dear Bob:

Very nice to get news from you at this time. It seems everyone else is too busy with school to write. They are busy at Assumption with an increase of over 150 students. Big freshman week now and lots of action going on.

You are right — London Street changes to University Avenue in November. It will sound a little more musical and give the street more prestige. There are no changes in the Sunday Masses but we are having a 5 o'clock Mass on week days for the students and of course parishioners who wish to attend.

It is a little difficult to estimate the pupils in our schools at the present time since we have students in two schools outside of our parish. In St. Anthony we have 374 pupils and St. Francis we have 521. We have built three schools in the last year in or near our parish. These are St. John, St. James and St. Francis which replaced the old condemned school. These schools are crowded to the doors. I am still on



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the school board and there is no one else who is anxious for the job.

Father Charlie Kelly is the only change here and he is getting along very well. He seems to be happy and he is taking census everyday. The working situation is not good in Windsor. We have over 13,000 men out of work and many will have to move away from here.

We have been fortunate in the last year — no deaths among relatives of the staff. The undertake here has been busy with people in the parish. Both Mr. and Mrs. Benoit died in the last few months. You knew them did you not?

The library is making progress — that is the new building. The steel is up and Father John Janisse should be piling old books in there by next summer. They are having the big University Mass this morning at ten. Father Ed Garvey is all pepped up on the council, but this won't last too long. Alec Grant is building a new greenhouse. The high school building is going up very fast and they should be in there by Xmas.

Father E.C. LeBel and I just returned from a nice trip in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island. We attended the opening of a new building in Antigonish. Very fine country. I



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finally located Belledune — Father Matt Killoran's old stamping ground — after hearing so much about the place. You can give it back to the Indians. Well Bob, this seems to be about it for the present. Very best wishes and keep the old spirit up.

Sincerely,

J.A. Donlon.

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T. Cyril Howard  
September 28, 1957

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Ste. Anne's Church  
Basilian Fathers  
1000 Ste. Anne Street  
Detroit 16, Michigan

28 September 57

Dear Bob,

I just returned from a wedding breakfast and found your letter on my desk. I know that you are most anxious for the information for your annual publication so here goes:

Staff: Rev. M.S. Lynch, pastor and Superior; Rev. M.A. Killoran, Assistant pastor and first councillor; Rev. G. Orsini, Second Councillor; Rev. B. Morrissey; Rev. F. Pacher; Rev. T.C. Howard, Altar Boy.

School: Grade 1, 35 pupils; Grade 2, 45 pupils; Grade 3, 45 pupils; Grade 4, 41 pupils; Grade 5, 30 pupils; Grade 6, 17 pupils; Grade 7, 16 pupils; Grade 8, 26 pupils — 255 total. Grade 9, 35 pupils; Grade 10, 23 pupils; Grade 11, 21 pupils; Grade 12, 20 pupils — 99 total in high school.

Church: Masses (Sunday) 6, 7, 8:30, 10 (High), 11:30, 12:30. A High Mass in Chapel also at 10. Weekdays: 6:30, 7:15, 8:00, 8:30. First Friday 6, 6:30, 7:15, 8:00, 8:30.



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Ste. Anne's Novena on Tuesday Evening at 7:30. Beads and Benediction on Sunday and Friday at 7:30. Baptisms on Sunday at 2:00 p.m. Convert classes on Monday and Thursday at 8:00 p.m. Confessions: Saturday 3-6 and 7:30-9:00. Thursday before First Friday, 3:00 - 5:30 and 7-9.

Ste Anne's Society is under the guide of Father Killoran. During the Ste. Anne Novena 5000 members were enrolled approximately.

Organkzations: Ste. Anne's Society; Patricians; Altar Society; Catholic Youth Organization; Holy Name; Ushers Club; Legion of Mary; Altar Boys Club; League of the Sacred Heart; St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Phone: TASHmoo 5-2750

Guess this all I can dig up. I got the Ste. Anne's membership from Father Lynch. He approves all the information. If you desire any more let me know.

Things are going great down here. I really like the house despite Father Pacher. Both he and Father Morrissey are waiting for their faculties for blessing with the simple sign of the cross.

When are you coming down again? We had the Superior General Friday and Saturday. He left today.



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Hope all is well in Toronto. Give my  
regards to all.

Sincerely

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P.S. Father Morrissey is teaching Latin  
in the High School. Father Lynch  
said you might like to print that  
since it is a first at St. Anne's  
High School.

(Letter from Father Cyril Howard to  
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John F. Callaghan  
October 5, 1957

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Assumption University of Windsor  
Oct 5, 1957

Dear Father Scollard,

Your letter to Jim Rigamonti, with its delicate reminder to me about the news, found me busily running around to check different items with different people to make fairly sure I wasn't stepping on toes or forgetting too much. That seems to be half the job of the news-gatherer — finding people. How men can actually want to be reporters to make a living is a hard thing for me to understand.

But here it all is, for what it's worth. No doubt I've left out something, and some of the things I've included you would just as soon see omitted. Do as you see fit in the matter of changes.

Hugh Foley has been very busy — the flu has found its victims here, too — and he asked me to say he was sorry about the sketchy nature of his submission. He would have preferred taking a little longer and getting it into better shape. But we knew you were pressed to get the first galleys from the printer before too long.

I want to thank you for sending the books, Father. Yesterday I was stroll-





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ing down the corridor after my 3-30 class and Father Lajeunesse waved at me from down by his office, shouting 'I want to see you'. I walked down wondering whether I had been suspended or was about to get another job, but when I got there, he just said (I want to give you these books Father Robert Lowrey just brought from Toronto." I was glad to see them because one or two will prove immediately useful in one course I have. My thanks again to you and Father Lowrey. I was speaking to him only for a second.

We were saddened by news of Father Gerald McAlpine's death. He was among the first Basilians I got to know, and I always admired him. It was sad to see his health fail, but even when I was in Toronto a couple weeks ago I had no idea he was fading so quickly.

With the four courses I teach, I'm in a steady whirl of preparations. But I'm enjoying the teaching quite well. The Economics 20 course, in which I teach two of the five divisions made necessary by the huge enrolment -- up around 30% -- is the one needing the most work because it's always hard to introduce beginning students to a new discipline. That trouble doesn't come up in college courses where the students have been exposed to the subject matter before -- like history. They hate think-



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ing for themselves, and working, too, of course. When did Father Henry Carr make this remark I've been hearing lately that Arts students should do as much work as science students, and we should fail 30% or them each year? I'm inclined to agree as I see things now.

I'd better close this off. In case you hadn't heard, I'm helping George Kosicki moderate the scholastics, and also chaplaining the Navy (University Naval Training Detachment) and going week-ends to Sts. Andrew and Benedict Parish, a small national church across the river. The weather is wonderful right now, but it was frightful for my first few days here. All my best to the Seminary staff and everyone. Thanks agin for the books.

In Our Lord,

John Callaghan

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John W. McGee  
October 4, 1957

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Innsbruck  
Oct. 4, 1957

Dear Father Scollard,

After what seems like a rather long time and after many interesting experiences I am at last in Innsbruck. About 5:00 A.M. yesterday my train arrived and I found my way to the Seminary and said Mass. I am gradually getting the "lay of the land". The Canisianum is a very large building and the grounds are beautiful, as is everything in Innsbruck. During the summer the rooms were fitted with individual sinks and the wiring was revised which required that sections of the floors and walls be torn up. As a consequence practically every part of the inside has been repainted and the parts finished are really quite nice and surpass any Seminary (a distinct architectural category) I have ever seen. However, they are only about half done and right now there are about 50 theology professors here for some sort of Congress and so everything is somewhat confused. I am not sure I will remain in my present room which has a magnificent view, but I haven't much to unpack anyway as my trunk has not yet arrived.

The confreres greeted us very cordially at Annonay and did all possible to make our stay there pleasant. The students



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did arrive on Monday evening and so they were quite busy. The property and buildings are well situated but very run down. However, several places are being and have been repaired. They are very poor by our standards, but seem quite cheerful and I had the feeling of definitely being in a Basilian House, in spite of the difference inherent in the situation. As for the town of Annonay, the less said, the better.

Father Charles Roume showed us your recent letter and so I am up to date on the community news.

As to the information you requested, the address is:

Canisianum, Innsbruck  
Tschurtschenthalerstrasse 7  
Tirol, Austria.

(The seven comes after the name of the street which is one word). For the phone, ask for the operator at Innsbruck and number is 2615. If that is busy an alternate number is 2816.

Please tell Father Louis Bondy I'll write him soon regarding tuition, etc. , but just now, I haven't sufficient information regarding these matters.





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Kindly give my regard to all of the confreres and please keep me in your prayers.

Yours in Christ,

John McGee

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John W. McGee  
October 24, 1957

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Innsbruck  
Oct. 24, 1957

Dear Father Scollard

Thanks very much for your letter. I really did enjoy getting it and learning some of the Basilian news. I was sorry to learn that Father Gerald McAlpine had died as it was the first that I heard about it. He always impressed me as a wonderful priest and so I was glad to be able to offer suffrages for him. Likewise, I was sorry to learn that Father Emil Welty is again on the sick list as he seemed to be doing so well this Summer. He and I went out together a few times.

Let us hope that there will be no more relapses among the recently recovered confreres.

Anyhow, as I started out to say, your letter took away some of that exile feeling that I have. I am getting used to things a bit now, but so many things are different. It is almost like starting in a Novitiate all over again trying to get on to the Seminary routine. However, I have been able to adopt a modis vivendi and so do not have to follow all of the Seminary prescriptions.

The scenery is all that everyone says and more. It would take weeks to describe,



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or attempt to, all of the beautiful places and things that are all around and in Innsbruck. I have been a bit pre-occupied and haven't appreciated them to their fullest perhaps, but there will probably be plenty of time to do so.

I am afraid that your reference to Bob McKinnon's painting at the Seminary of St. Basil is something that I do not know about. Presumably it was sent to Annonay, but I hadn't known about it and so can give you no news. I'll bet that the series he is now working on will be very good. Give him my regards and tell him that I miss the paintings he let me borrow last year.

Before I read your letter I had been working on a book by Father Jungmann on the Liturgy and thought to myself that it would be almost perfect for the Seminary as it is only about 300 pages in length and covers very interestingly and historically just about everything from the Mass, Sacraments, Feast Days, Liturgical Cycles, etc., even to the office and its individual parts. Father Francis Firth probably knows about it already, but if not I would strongly recommend it to him. It is "Der Gottesdienst der Kirche", Tyrolia-Verlag, Innsbruck, Wien, München. Father Jungmann said that shortly it is coming out in English, but I don't know the title.



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The German is coming along fairly well. I am able to understand quite a bit of it; most of the lectures which are a bit slower, and also a large part of conversations which are not too fast. However, there has been little occasion to speak it as they are always reading at meals and the German speaking seminarians mostly stick together coming and going to class. I can get by fairly well, though, and am learning more all the time.

As to whether or not Dave Belyea finishes before me, I don't know. I can assure you that if I find any way of getting back even five minutes sooner I will utilize it to the utmost. (I am even planning to return on the "United States" as it is a day faster.) Frankly, (I know this will not impress you, although I say it with, I think, some more foundation than initial panic) I don't think that I will make it at all here. The very imposing transcript that Father Walter Principe made out for me came to exactly half of the requirement in Dogma and in Fundamental. We'll leave it at that for the time being, but I would appreciate your prayers.

Please give my regards to Father Francis Orsini and all the other confreres. Tell Father John Kraus to remember that once he too was a "D.S." and to take it easy on the manual labor assignments.

Yours in





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October 24, 1957

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Yours in Christ,

J.W. McGee, C.S.B.

P.S. If possible at some future time could you send me the address of Father Donlon, the Conventual Franciscan from St. Bonaventure's Parish? I hope he is better now. I had promised him a postcard of Innsbruck, but don't know where to send it.

Thanks again.

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November 8, 1958

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Innsbruck  
Nov. 8, 1958

Dear Father Scollard,

Thanks very much for your letter as I was glad to hear from you and to get the news. The Novitiate must be coming along very well and from reports of those who saw it last Summer it must be a very beautiful building. I imagine there must be many changes around the College by now. The new residence is probably quite striking with the landscaping finished and I can't imagine St. Mike's with grass on the back field. Are there any new buildings on the way?

I have just returned from Rome where we saw the Coronation of the Pope. There was a pilgrimage of the Seminarians, that is, a large number of them, and I took advantage of the special group train rate. It was quite tiring spending fourteen hours on the train, especially the European variety, but we arrived in Rome on Sunday morning and were met by Dave Belyea and Larry Elmer and stayed with them at the Canadian College. Cardinal Leger and Cardinal McGuigan were there. I also met Father Vincent Priester who was in the Conclave and Msgr. O'Marra. It was like Old Home Week in Toronto.

The confreres are well and seem to be quite at home there. It is quite a nice



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place and all seem very friendly. The food is terrific. Larry Elmer and Jack Murray were getting ready for the entrance exams and Andy Maloney was working on Theology and Italian, in which he already makes out very well. Dave Belyea is working on the thesis. He is bothered with an infection in his ear, which I hope is better by now.

The ceremonies were quite elaborate as might be expected. I got in St. Peter's about 7:30 Tuesday morning and had plenty of time to look around. It is magnificent. The crowds were large and not always courteous by our standards, but we survived and actually saw quite a bit of the events. After the Mass I was quite close to the center aisle and saw the Pope being carried out. At the crowning on the balcony I again was in a good position and could see quite a bit.

Apparently the new Pope has a good sense of humor and that is encouraging. In the stores there are still plenty of pictures of Pius XII and those of John are just starting to appear, that is, in some variety.

I was also able to visit the Vatican Museum and Galleries, but the Sistine Chapel was still closed. The tomb of Pius XII is simple, but beautiful and has many visitors.

Here in Innsbruck we had about three



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weeks rain and snow during October, but fortunately it is much nicer this month. Things are much more familiar this year and tha makes it easier. There is still much to be done and I don't know just when I'll be ready to try the Dogma exam again. As to the German bibliography you probably already have all of the books I know of. Actually the Seminary library is comparably better than the one here. There is a small one here at the house open one hour a week. The University library is in terrible shape as it was taken over during the war for a plice department and now consists largely of old books arranged alphabetically on shelves in the corridors of the Jesuit cloister. I will be very glad to get started on a thesis some time when these impossible exams are finally out of the way. I'll have to find something which they have books for. If you ever want any books by the authors here I can get them at "author prices".

I would appreciate it very much if you could send me another Ordo as you did last year. It doesn't seem so long since the last one came and I hope the next ones go even faster.

Sincerely in Christ,

J. McGee, CSB

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Daniel V. Burns  
October 5, 1957

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St. John Fisher College  
3690 East Avenue  
Rochester 18, New York  
October 5, 1957

Dear Bob,

It is about time that I am getting this report into you. They did not have the final word on registration till last Monday, so once the week got started, it was hard to do anything else than the business at hand. I hope that I have not held you up, for of course we are always anxious to see your annals. What will be the special feature this year? There certainly will be a lot of panegyrics to do for it.

Everything is well under way here now. The Asiatic flu seems to have hit the student body a little, but not to any great extent as yet. None of the staff have been taken down yet, but John Ruth had a cold all last week. Not enough to take him off his feet though. It looks as if the flu is making headway in the Rochester area, so we may be in for more casualties next week.

Father Hubert Coughlin and Father Roland Janisse were here for a meeting with Peter Sheehan and the Publisher of the new hymnal. I think Father Coughlin has already left for the return trip. I was glad to hear that they have settled on a



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site for the new Novitiate. The area chosen seems to be the best possible, at least if we grant that the location is not intended for other secondary purposes.

I had a very good trip this summer. As you know I went to Scotland and Norway. I visited Glasgow and Edinburgh, and also Oslo and Bergen and had a trip up through the fjords in the "Admiral's Barge", the yacht of the Norwegian Admiral. But the best part of my trip was a four day visit to Rome. I flew from Glasgow to Rome via London, and then from Rome to Bergen via London and Oslo. And of course the best part of my Roman visit was an audience with the Holy Father, although it was only a public audience with thousands of others present. I managed to have a spot only about 25 feet from him. He spoke from a balcony, so I was able to look right up at him, and to get some pictures of him. He spoke over half an hour in about five or six different languages, about five minutes of which was in English. It was my only chance, I think, of ever getting there, so I was very pleased to have the opportunity to get that close. I also said Mass one morning at St. Peter's tomb, that is in St. Peter's Chapel down in the crypt, right under the big altar where only the Pope himself says Mass. Besides all that I



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occupied Terry McLaughlin's room at the Canadian College during my visit. I wish he had been there though, but I could not choose my time differently. Of course the flight to Rome and back to Bergen cost a considerable amount, but I was still able to bring back over \$500 in Canadian money to the College. It must have amounted to 530 or 525 dollars when they got the exchange added on. So that's the way to take a vacation, but as a matter of fact it was not all vacation.

Would be glad to hear tid-bits of news from Toronto occasionally.

Your sincerely in Christ,

Dan Burns, C.S.B.

P.S. Gost told me to tell you that he is burned up because he has been dropped as correspondent for the Annals.

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Daniel V. Burns  
October 3, 1958

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St. John Fisher College  
3690 East Avenue  
Rochester 18, New York

October 3, 1958

Dear Bob,

I finally have the information for the Annals ready. With the co-operation of the confreres, I have managed to get quite a lot together. If it is too much of course you can cut it down to size. Father John O'Meara gave me a print of the architect's picture of the proposed building. I'll send it to you under separate cover and you may use it or not just as you like.

Not being at the centre of activity, I have absolutely nothing new to tell you that is not already in my Annals report.

Of course you know already about Jimmie Embser's operation for gall-stones. The Doctor said that he must have been troubled with them for two or three years. The gall-bladder itself had become all shrivelled up. There was hardly any of it left. He said he would not have lived another year if it had not been attended to. You know that Jimmie is up at Holy Rosary now convalescing during the month of the Holy Rosary at Holy Rosary Parish.





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I managed to get a very fine set of film-slides of our Houses in the West during my trip West this summer. Sometime when you are over this way, I would be mighty proud to show them to you.

Our new Boss has everything pretty well under control, and he is fitting into the picture very well; to everyone's satisfaction. He has instituted the practice of Sunday pre-prandium cocktails, to the which nobody objects.

Father Leonard Rush is getting acclimatized too. He says his age is coming against him though. He has high blood pressure, and he is much troubled in the legs with hardening of the veins (not arteries) or perhaps phlebitis. I too had some trouble with one leg since the summer. It may be varicose veins. The Doctor told me to get an elastic stocking. It helped for about a week and then it began to swell about the knee and was worse than ever till after I removed the stocking. Of course I was not wearing the stocking at night, but during the day and it got worse as the day progressed. After I took off the stocking altogether, the leg gradually got better again till now it is in fair shape, but still not entirely better. I guess it is just time taking its toll. I suppose the body gradually wears out. Well anyway Rush says we have to expect that when we get over fifty.

Yours sincerely in Christ,  
Dan Burns, C.S.B.



Matthew T. Mulcahy  
October 10, 1957

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St. Mary's College  
Wilson and Wilcox  
Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario  
Oct. 10, 1957.

Dear Father Scollard,

Some other tiems of interest —

Opening of the school and blessing as per enclosed. We are living in offices for this year and finding it satisfactory. Plans are being completed for a residence to be added next summer.

Father John Conway preached the retreat last Lent. Father Robert Whyte is sacristan, Frank Lally has the Ladies Guild, and does some instructing in medical ethics at the General Hospital.

With the city growing up all around the seventeen acre property, progress on roadways, etc. is progressing very slowly — in fact "the trail" removes mufflers etc. from the unwary.

I have asked the architect to send a picture.

Matt.

(Letter from Father Matthew Mulcahy to Father Robert Scollard. Transcribed from the original deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers, Toronto.)



Matthew T. Mulcahy  
1958

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St. Mary's College  
Wilson and Wilcox  
Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario

Dear Bob,

In the northern outpose we really appreciated your newsy letter. I thought I had the son of the local newspaper owner on the track of that air picture of the buildings, but guess I will have to get it myself.

The priests' residence is a cement block structure, exterior is of multi-shade buff brick, interior exposed block with birch panels in the entrance (front), stairs (front) community and TV rooms.

Overall dimensions are 106 by 45, consisting of parlors, dining room, kitchen, laundry room, garage, and eight bedrooms on the ground floor; chapel, community room, and TV room on the west side upstairs with nine bedrooms on the east side of the second floor. Bedrooms are 12 by 13, with slightly smaller guest rooms (2) and superior's bedroom.

Windows are casement type of steel; glass and porcelain curtain wall on most of the west wall. Floors are vinyl tiel with terrazzo in main lobby, and stairs. Washrroms are ceramic tile with spectra-glaze walls.



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The architects have continued the light effect of the school in their use of light pastel colours, skylights, and curtain walling. The firm of Fabbro and Townsend who did our school here and St. Charles in Sudbury were the architects. The construction firm was J.K. Kennedy. They expect to have the top floor ready for us to move in this week-end and should have the building complete by the middle of October.

I'll try to get the pictures soon. Sorry for the delay.

Gratefully,

Matt.

(Undated letter to Father Robert Scollard. Probably late September 1958. Transcribed from the original deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers, Toronto.)





John A. Burke  
October 7, 1957

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Catholic Central High School  
Basilian Fathers  
6565 West Outer Drive  
Detroit 35, Michigan

Dear Bob,

As usual I've kept you waiting. My deepest apologies. I'm hoping that I'm not too late. Here are a few things I thought you might want:

- 1) Father Joseph Abend preached the retreat for the seniors and juniors.
- 2) A new fence has been erected along the Hubbell Street side of the property.
- 3) During the summer the school offices, chapel, community room and refectory were air-conditioned.
- 4) The proceeds from the 1956 Boys' Town Game were \$32,829. The Raffle sponsored by the Dads' Club realized \$42,864.

Nothing much new. We've been hit pretty hard by the flu. Today we hit the peak so far with 290 students absent. So far the staff has been spared for the most part. Nothing serious among them — just a few colds. It's expected to cripple Detroit for about 45 days so we



John A. Burke  
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can expect almost anything in absenteeism.

Kindest regards,

John Burke.

(Letter to Father Robert Scollard.  
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Fathers, Toronto.)



As you know some of the above items do not exactly apply here. Exact figures are not yet available but we have 900+ Catholic students out of about 8400 all told at the University of British Columbia. This will be a jump of about 150 Catholics since last year, partially due to the normal rise in enrollment of the whole University and partially to the arrival of the Forestry School of Sopron University who fled from Hungary and are now studying at U.B.C.

The building is going well and the contractors (Doyle Brothers of Vancouver) hope to be finished by next March. The architect is Peter Thornton of Garinder, Thornton, Gather and Associates, also of Vancouver. The present unit under construction will have rooms for ten priests and 48 students, eating facilities, club room for the Newman Club and Catholic Center, a small temporary chapel (seating about 70) and a small temporary library.

Father Henry Carr's course in "Early Christian Writers" is under way and is listed as Religious Studies 305. He has just three students but I think he is pleased with the opportunity to start in a small way.

Father Elliott Allen has the same courses as last year, two in the day and an



T. James Hanrahan  
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evening course. He has about 20 students in the day courses. The evening course starts tomorrow so I do not know how many he will have there — last year he had about 50.

I have three day time courses, one in Canadian history and two in medieval and one repeat of the medieval course at night. In the day time I have about 320 students all told.

Father Michael Oliver is chaplain of the Newman Club. He did a lot of work helping to find places for Catholic students and especially the Hungarians to stay.

I hope this is sufficient.

Yours in Christ

J. Hanrahan, C.S.B.

(Notes on a for requesting information for the Basilian Annals of 1957. Written in September from St. Mark's College, Vancouver, to Father Robert Scollard. Transcribed from the original deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers, Toronto.)





Robert W. Crooker  
October 15, 1956

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Dear Father Scollard:

Thank you for the letter of the 29th, and for the cheque; I have credited your "account" with the \$10; nothing especially interesting of late has reached my attention, except an attack on Maritain's "True Humanism" published last month in Civilita Cattolica, and Father Bondy looked into that while here, and is bringing a copy of that issue home with him, together with all the gossip about he was able to pick up. I did notice that he wrote his name on the magazine, though, so am sending you another copy by ordinary mail; if you don't want it, you can no doubt find someone there who does (among some of the more ardent philosophical controversialists, there should be some market for it, I think). If you do sell it, charge 50 cents, as that is about what it cost you (46 cents to be exact).

Joe Courtney sent me a check for \$100 from Father Hubert Coughlin, who is administering the Students' Fund in Father Bondy's absence, so please acknowledge that to Je or to Father Coughlin for me; also, please tell Father Coughlin that my fees here at the College are payable now — the amount is the same as last year, \$680.00 Canadian. Father Bondy had some extra Mass intentions, so I won't need any more very soon, but I



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would like a bit of information which I forgot to ask from him: are the intentions which he gives me Seminary or Curial? The reason I ask is that from time totime I will likely have occasion to binate, since neighboring pastors occasionally ask us for supply work, and I wondered whether I could simply use two of my listed intentions, or whether I should report all such binations to Toronto.

I was amused at your reference to Father Bondy's mistake of offering to undertake an errand for you, but the last laugh was definitely on myself: he did not find any of the books you mentioned, so he simply left the list with me and asked me to keep my eye out for them. With a definite list like that, I may be able to help you; I have hesitated to undertake any of the other matters you have occasionally mentioned which call for more initiative and personal judgment, since I am not in an academic atmosphere here (strange as that may seem to you), and so am not in touch with reliable news and opinions about current publications.

It is astonishing to hear that you have relinquished the guardianship of the sacred rites to anyone, even one so capable as Terry Forestell; I'm afraid that after three yeas of Roman short-cuts,



Robert W. Crooker  
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I'll need a refresher course myself when I get back. I have no objections, by the way, if you want to push my appointment as sacristan next year; the task is not heavy, and is one which I have always found agreeable (and, incidentally, much less likely to make one the object of griping by the scholastics than such jobs as librarian or master of ceremonies).

Must stop now to go to our Solemn Mass of opening the academic year; best regards to all the confreres, and please remember me in your Masses and prayers.

Sincerely,

Bob

(Letter written from the Canadian College, Rome. Transcribed from the original deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers, Toronto.)



Robert W. Crooker  
March 23, 1957

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Dear Father Scollard,

Despite its date of last Tuesday, the enclosed bombshell burst upon the unsuspecting public here only last night; it takes effect tomorrow at midnight, so will already be in force when this reaches you, and hence can be put into practice at once. The Motu Proprio itself is very short, and pretty clear, but besides two copies of it, I'm enclosing one copy of Card. Ottaviani's commentary. The point which seems to cause the most difficulties at the moment is the "enixe hortamur" in the fourth paragraph from the end; in light of Card Ottaviani's explanation (not official, but very weighty all the same), it seems to have nor more force than Leo XIII's appeals to say the Rosary; i.e., a good Catholic will, ceteris paribus, be inclined to do it as a highly-recommended pious practice, but there is no obligation whatever.

I was going to write you today anyway, to thank you for your letter of the 17th, and especially to tell you how much impressed I am with the OCCASIONAL PAPERS; it is rather frightening to come back to a Seminary which has become so intellectual in my absence, and I hope I won't be like Father Leonard McCann, in constant panic lest some smart young scholastic trap me in a subtle question.





Robert W. Crooker  
March 23, 1957

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With no reflection whatever on the other three, Edwin Kline's report on Americanism struck me as especially fine (except for an unfortunate abundance of little mistakes in spelling, syntax and typing); the others were no doubt excellent exercises for those who wrote them, but Ed's paper also provided me with precisely the information I wanted about a subject on which I had for several years harboured a vague but inefficacious curiosity. Your periodical list is also most helpful to me: it looks as if I am going to violate the only advice you gave me about my studies here, and come back with my thesis only about two-thirds written; I shall make extra-sure to get perfectly adequate notes from any articles in periodicals which you do not have, and take less trouble with those that are available there.

You rather appall (sp?) me with the statement that Father Francis Orsini is leaving the Canon Law section of the library to me; nothing in my three years here has given me any qualifications for that job which he did not have when he returned from Rome, and he has moreover the benefit of over six years of experience teaching there. I told Father Francis Firth in a letter last year, and I was not joking or being cynical, that I am NOT in an academic atmosphere here, and will need a year or so there to get back in touch with intellectual currents.



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I hope I've imbibed a bit of "lo spirito della Chiesa", and I know I've picked up a bit of Italian and French, but past that I can promise very little. However, I'll do what I can for you, both in my remaining time here and after my return.

Please try to have some garden work lined up for me too; the sedentary life plus the spaghetti has put several pounds on me, all in the wrong places, and with my utter lack of athletic propensities, some quick measure like digging, flower beds are going to be an absolute necessity to save me from what a previous age termed "fatty degeneration" (I believe that term was properly a technical one for a liver disease occurring in slender people as well as fat, but you know what I mean.)

If you're right about Leo McGrady, I hope I don't inherit his room, as I'm looking forward to more than one year there; I'll need it to learn to be a Basilian again, after all this Sulpician formation at #117. Tell Art Kirn another set of Vatican stamps has been issued; I'll pick up a set for him the next time I'm out there. Best regards to everyone there, and please remember me in your Masses and prayers.

Sincerely, Bob.

(Letter written by Father Robert Crooker from the Canadian College, Rome. Transcribed from the original deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers, Toronto.)



Charles J. Principe  
May 12, 1958

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Maison St-Joseph  
Annonay (Ardèche)  
le 12 mai 1958

Dear Father,

Thank you very much for the pleasant postcard which served to prick my conscience into writing. It's been bothering me for some time!

Now that you have been visitor at Rochester (Aquinas), I suppose your next (or one of the next) stops will be Annonay. If so we'll have Father Kevin Kirley give you some tips on sea-sickness.

Yes, the Basilians should be known in every little hamlet of Europe by the time this summer is over. John McGee received a letter from Don O'Gorman which informed us that he should be with the Pères Eudistes by now. Father George Beaune hears that Father Jim Bowie is coming with his father, although Mr. Bowie prefers to stay with relatives in Scotland. Father Leo Adam stopped here for two days just two weeks ago. The deep Texan tan probably impressed the students here whom he talked to about our Mexican Missions. They came here from Lourdes, via Rome (so to speak) and were heading for Paris. How many are coming on the boat with Michel Deglène.



Charles J. Principe  
May 12, 1958

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Of course, you now know of Mr. Deglesne's death. God willed that Jacques arrive in time for his father to recognize him before falling into a coma Wednesday night. He died early Thursday and all of us who could were, of course, at the funeral Mass; and four of us went out to St-Julien-Vocance (17 kilometres southwest of here) where Mr. Deglesne was buried in the family vault. Jacques got here quickly, that's certain! He arrived at Lyon at 11 p.m. Monday, whence our car drove him straight to his home. Mr. Deglesne was resting just then so they didn't disturb him.

Father Auguste Marcou gave us cause for concern a week ago yesterday when he had three epileptic fits within twenty-four hours, the first at table and the other two during the night (next to me). He seems better now. It's a heavy cross for him. As I told Walt, the rest of us are tanning our hides in the new-found late-spring sun here, liberating up (some of us) on the tennis court. Father Prêcheur sprained his ankle and Father Jean Roure a finger, but outside of that we are holding together. Your truly just passed a required University medical exam with flying colors, although no one looked very hard for anything wrong with me. At least my teeth, lungs, and heart seem all right. The doctor remarked only that I have "une tendance à grossir" which will be nothing new to those who know me. The figures are secret.





Charles J. Principe  
May 12, 1958

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As you have no doubt gathered John McGee and I along with George Beaune and Jean Roure had a nice Easter holiday. We were together until Lourdes. Naturally we remembered your intentions there as well as those of the community. It's like going into another world (Lourdes), a world of prayer. Human respect disappears.

John and I cut through the Pyrenees to Saragossa and then on for a three day sojourn at Barcelona — a wonderful city with wide streets to which we have grown unaccustomed in Annonay. If we had known we should probably be excommunicated for going to a bull fight. We enjoyed it anyway. We returned via Narbonne, Carcassonne, Montpellier, Nîmes and Avignon. Now that's over (for now) and we are in the last stretch. John's exams are in mid-July; mine (the written) on June 2nd and 3rd.

I want to take this occasion to thank you again, Father, for all the help you have been to me in the past and I'm sure in the present with your prayers. Thanks again for the card and the news you have passed on to us. A remembrance (special) at my Memento tomorrow.

In Christ and Mary

Charlie Principe, CSB

(Letter to Father Robert Scollard, Transcribed from the original deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers, Toronto.)



Kevin J. Kirley  
October 1957

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Dear Father Scollard,

Many thanks for your welcome and interesting letter. Since it we have lost Father Gerald McAlpine; we just received the sad news today. This year is being a tough one.

Sorry to learn the Spanish book dealers are not co-operating as you would like. Better give them another few tries; they expect it. A spanish proverb goes: "No Llama, no mama", which corresponds to our "A squeaking wheel gets the oil", so perhaps if you persist, they will come through. One address I forgot to give you the last time is the following: Casa del Libro, Avenida José Antonio, Madrid. It is something along the line of Cole's and may help you for works in the modern period.

School is back in session, which means among other things we are once more flooded with "devoirs" to be corrected. After culling out a few cases, the student body seems to give promises. Hope we can find some vocations among them. Will not know until another few days how many possible future priests I'll be directing this year. Keep us in your prayers,

Sincerely, Kevin.

(Undated letter from L'Institution Secon-  
daire du Sacré-Coeur written by Father  
Kevin Kirley. Transcribed from the origi-  
nal in the general archives of the  
Basilian Fathers, Toronto.)



Kevin J. Kirley  
January 16, 1958

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Collège du Sacré-Coeur  
Annonay, Ardèche  
January 16th, 1958.

Dear Father Scollard,

Though it's not really very late, 9:30 p.m., my neighbours might not appreciate it if I suddenly put the typewriter into action, so I'll just steal a letter off to you silently in my own hand.

Congratulations on another good job on the Annals. One little thing though: George Beaune is ahead of me in precedence. And speaking of the Annals brings me to one of my main reasons for writing. When all were distributed here, we discovered we were one short. Do you think you could mail me off another copy, if any be left?

Everyone is reasonably well ehre, even our octogenarians, Fathers Louis Mazet and Antoine Epitalon, though the latter has failed some this last while. He finds it increasingly more difficult to walk, though strangely enough, if you happen to meet him in the yard or the garden he will stand and talk for hours without giving a thought to fatigue. He is not as gay and pleasant as he was a year or two ago either, in fact, has become quite crtchety, but we forgive him a good deal by reason of his age and condition.



Kevin J. Kirley  
January 16, 1958

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We have a vocations project underway, a day of prayer and appropriate activities, with an exhibition of things pertaining to the ministry and propaganda posters etc. We hope to have a big map of Canada, the United States and France finished by the date (March 7th) showing Basilian houses, with pictures if we can secure them.

A pilgrimage to Lourdes at Eastertime is also in the making if we receive enough applications from the student body. There will have to be about 50 to make it worthwhile.

My parents are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary this summer, so I hope to be seeing you, perhaps for the retreat at St. Michael's.

Sincerely in Christ,

Kevin

(Letter from Kevin Kirley, transcribed from the original deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers, Toronto.)





P. Wallace Platt  
October 1957

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Dear Father,

Here are some local improvements.

1. A new study hall for the senior students has been made from three smaller rooms. The study hall has room for 100 and about one third of the desks have been replaced by new ones.
2. The tables and cutlery of the students dining room are new.
3. One classroom has been enlarged by the taking in of a smaller room.
4. The Sisters' Convent underwent changes which now allow a private room for each sister. The flooring on the second floor has been entirely replaced.
5. The senior dormitory was renovated.
6. The altar of the College Chapel, during the course of the year, had new tabernacle veils and antependia made for it in all the liturgical colours.
7. The "Distribution des Prix" was improved this year since a much greater number of prizes were given in the form of books to meriting students.
8. The College acquired a movie machine, and documentary films were shown once a week.



P. Wallace Platt  
October 1957

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This sounds like a lot, I guess — you can tailor it as you see fit. The crossing was calm and very pleasant.

Kindest to all,

In Christ,

Wally.

(Undated letter from Father Wallace Platt, Annonay, giving news of L'Institution Secondaire du Sacré-Coeur, to Father Robert Scollard. Probably written in October 1957. Transcribed from the original deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers, Toronto.)



P. Wallace Platt  
September 13, 1958

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Dear Father,

Had yours of the 10th this morning, and will get the information off to you (air mail) as soon as it is complete. Father René Robert is back with us and is warming up to his new job. He'll do it well.

Would you please not forget the cuts for "Meet the Basilian Fathers", and any other good snaps that you might have, and which you think might be useful for propaganda purposes.

Don't know if this profession document is according to Holye. Please advise if I should do it otherwise. Will write, longer and faster next time.

In Christ and His Mother,

Wally

(Letter written from L'Institution Secondaire du Sacré-Coeur, Annonay, to Father Robert Scollard, Toronto. Transcribed from the original deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers, Toronto.)



P. Wallace Platt  
January 8, 1959

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Institution Secondaire du Sacré-Coeur  
Annonay (Ardèche)  
le 8 Janvier 1959

Dear Father,

Happy New Year! And kindest wishes to you and to all the confreres in that house. Thanks for the Annals, and congratulations on another fine job. Also the material you sent on the progress of the Novitiate and on the Vocation statistics is much appreciated. Wish we could attend the conference, but for the moment, though it is not a case of time, it is a question of money.

Father Louis Mazet was delighted to find himself at the top of the list. He is amazed that there should be so few old men, and none older than he. The diocese of Viviers has about the same number of priests exactly, and there are 11 older than Father Mazet. Come to France and live long.

We were wondering if there were any possibility of our house receiving a scholastic or two. It would not be right to say that we are absolutely in need of scholastics, but one or two would be very helpful. If there were someone going to do further work in French, this would be an ideal place to get a grounding in the language. He could follow some courses at the same





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time. His work might not permit him to attend all the religious exercises, but he could certainly live a normal Basilian life, and perhaps gain in experience. It would have to be someone, I guess, who would be interested in coming here. Father Robert got the impression that there was not too much enthusiasm for coming to France. I wonder why...

Father Mracel Lextraire asked me to ask you if you could send him a Vademecum. He has none, and there are only four others in the house. Sometimes, though rarely, he is obliged to lead the prayers. I wonder too, if you could send us some papers for making cigarettes in those long machines. George Beaune brought a machine with him, but he has no papers. Father Robert thinks we might realize a substantial saving if the machine were put to use, what with the prices going up, especially on such luxury articles as cigarettes.

Again best wishes to all, Father, and our prayers.

In Christ,  
Wally

(Letter written by Father Wallace Platt to Father Robert Scollard. Transcribed from the original deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers, Toronto.)



P. Wallace Platt  
December 9, 1959

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Institution Secondaire  
Du Sacré-Cœur  
Annonay (Ardèche)

December 9th, 1959.

Dear Father Scollard,

Thanks for your last two letters. As I have said before, we appreciate the time you take to bring us up to date on things and events. The clipping you sent made me wonder how much St. Mike's could get for their property if they decided to sell it!

Congratulations on the Annals. The photos are excellent, and the book has real reading interest. The addresses are not so handy, but I realize that it is a question of space, and they might just as well be there as any place else. Besides one can always use an old Annals for the addresses.

Sorry to have been so long about death dates. And I can't promise anything in the near future. Perhaps you know that Father Charles Roume is a hard man to pin down to a steady task and to see it through. It is simply not in his make-up. One can never expect from him a thorough and steady study of community history. He does things by fits and starts, and just does not have the knack of continued methodical work. He is the



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one to go after the dates, but alas! I'm afraid we shall never have them from him. I'll give the matter some thought and discussion with Father Robert, but I'm not optimistic. As for Kevin's work, I have passed your information and questions on to him.

The confreres are well for the moment. All the talk around here is the Fréjus disaster, and the school question. Personally, I think Debré is a shrewd customer and I think that he'll get something done, be it ever so small. We are not in so critical a state (far from it) as are the grade schools which get along on a shoe-string, and which may have to fold if the government does not do something to help them. The Catholics are determined not to let their schools disappear. But the opposition is ferocious.

Have a very happy Christmas, Father, and please extend our best wishes to each and all at the Seminary. May the New Year be a grace-filled one, — I know it will be busy.

Sincerely in Christ,  
Wally.

(Letter written by Father Wallace Platt. Transcribed from the original deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers, Toronto.)



G. Donal O'Gorman  
May 17, 1958

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Foyer Sacerdotal  
1, rue Jean-Dolent  
Paris 14, France  
May 17, 1958

Dear Father Scollard,

Thank you for the list of retreats, which arrived yesterday. As requested, I have given you my address above, and the phone number is Port-Royal 41-09.

All is well here, I'm acclimatized to the cloudy skies and strange food, though not yet to the manners of the country. I would have to arrive at the height of a political crisis. You hear nothing else from morning to night.

The food must have improved since the last Basilian lived here. I have no complaints as yet, except that the breakfast never varies — bread, butter, jam, and coffee (or rather chicory). But you can have as much of it as you want, and that is really all that counts. There are several things that will only come by experience — such as, what store to buy things in. At home we are used to being able to get nearly anything in either the corner drug store or the five and ten. Here the drug stores sell only drugs, and I haven't yet seen a five and ten. Most things seem to be cheaper here — the subway costs all of six cents, you can see an opera or a play for a dollar or less. But cigarettes, gasoline,





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and Kleenex are three times what we pay. I can understand the first two, since they are government monopolies, but why Kleenex? The only answer I can find is that the French spend so much time talking politics that they haven't time to blow their nose. As the man said, they would get more out of blowing their nose.

I've already settled down to work at the Bibliogthèque Nationale. So far I'm just doing the mechanical work of collating manuscripts. The real work will begin in June. I haven't made any plans for the summer, but hope to be able to take off a couple of weeks in July to visit Lourdes. I hear that Jim Bowie is due over that month, and hope I'll be able to see hi. I may drop down to Annonay for St. Basil's day, if all goes well. And I must find time to make that retreat in September. My French should be good enough by then.

That's all for now. Please say hello to all the confreres.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Don O'G.

(Letter written by Father Donal O'Gorman. Transcribed from the original deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers, Toronto.)



G. Donal O'Gorman  
September 14, 1958

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Foyer Sacerdotal  
1, rue Jean-Dolent,  
Paris 14, France  
Sept. 14, 1958.

Dear Father Scollard,

Thank you for your letter of September 10. I want to go on record as stating that I did indeed send you my address and phone number, early in May, and that you must have filed my letter under 'waste paper'. I say this not by way of reproach, but to supply you with a concrete argument against the day when you tell Gene Malley that you are seriously understaffed, and need at least three more secretaries. Perhaps I'm too late, and you've already been refused.

Your letter was much appreciated, containing as it did myriad facts and figures of interest, and worth ten letters from anyone else from that point of view. Of course, you have your finger on the pulse of the community — thank God it's the pulse, and not the purse.

You asked my opinion about a house in Paris. I have this to say: if you want a house for graduate students only, you will never have enough of them here to make it worth while. Except for the Institute and French Department students, our men will be better off in American



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or English universities because of the language problem, the difficulty of getting the degree, and the poor quality of the courses in some fields.

However, I know that the main purpose of having a house in France is to help the French community to grow. What we need is contacts and vocations. With a few men, we would be lost in the shuffle in Paris, thus few contacts, and the vocations to be had from here are about nil.

Even the possibility of finding a suitable house, or any house, in Paris, where the housing shortage is acute, and where no building is being done aside from a few co-operative apartments, is remote.

To my mind, the wise thing to do would be to establish a house in the west, where there are many vocations even today. Three hours from Paris by train is the city of Angers, site of an excellent Catholic University serving all the west of France. It is in the heart of the vocation district. We would have much more hope of finding a house there, it would be almost as valuable for certain graduate students as would be a house in Paris, we could easily become known there, and have contacts over a wider territory. We could purchase a smaller house, because we would not have



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to provide guest rooms for non-Basilians, which is really a luxury that would perhaps help the community in America, but scarcely be of much value to the French. And the town, beautifully situated on the Loire River, would be much more suitable, if ever we wanted to turn the house into a novitiate, or even a scholasticate. That part of the country is the only section where we have much hope of getting vocations, and Angers is the only Catholic university in the district. I have many contacts among priest teachers and students at Angers, and can give you any information you want if the idea interests you.

In order not to break the eleventh commandment, which is not to write on both sides of onion-skin paper, I'll leave off here, remaining yours sincerely,

Don O'G.

Kindest regards to all the confreres.

(Letter written by Father Donal O'Gorman. Transcribed from the original deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers, Toronto.)





Patrick O. Braden  
October 7, 1958

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207 West 21st Street  
Austin 5, Texas  
Oct. 7, 1958

Dear Father Scollard,

In the past five years your requests of me have not changed much, as is evidenced by the enclosed letter of 1953, found among other papers relating to my previous stay in Austin. I still have not found any copies of The Clergy Review etc.

Phone number: GR 7-1491

Yes, I'm at the Newman Club again, my room this time being in another of the three houses which make up the property of the Club. I generally say Mass at St. Austin's church, also run by the Paulists, a couple of blocks from here on Gudalupe Street. However I occasionally help out at Seton hospital where Andy McLean is chaplain. He has a new parish in town, but as yet has only the land and is having Sunday Mass in a public school.

As I wrote to Father Louis Bondy my work again is in Mechanical Engineering with emphasis on applications of atomic energy. My dissertation concerns a problem in heat transfer, one of the aspects of engineering by which it gets involved in atomic reactors.



Patrick O. Braden  
October 7, 1958

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Things in Austin have not changed greatly in the last five years, most of my old instructors are still here. I have even resurrected my old motor-bicycle, which I have used off-and-on since my teaching days at Rice. If they can use them in France, why not in Austin?

My activities here have made it impossible for me to attend the festivities in Houston re the opening of the new buildings. I would indeed like to see the new Novitiate and some of the other new structures in the North, perhaps I can get up that way, for a visit, in a few years.

Let me herewith acknowledge your interesting and informative letter during the summer. I imagine that the junior priests exams will again be scheduled at some time like Holy Week or the middle of my university exams. Then, too unless you get out the Annals some time soon I won't find out till after the exams what to study. How about checking out and shipping down to me some reference books needed for study for said exams!

My regards to one and all, especially Jim Kelly.

Pat Braden

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Patrick O. Braden  
September 18, 1959

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Newman Club Annex No. 2  
2008 University Avenue  
Austin 5, Texas  
Sept. 18, 1959

Dear Father Scollard,

Your notice with attached note re my new address reached me in Houston, where I had a little vacation between the end of the summer school and this new term. Walter Scott, Wilfred Canning and I seem to have had a successful summer here, and I, at least, certainly enjoyed having some confreres around. This building was closed to students other than us three, so we had lots of room and privacy too.

Things are quite busy in Houston with a big freshman class expected. I'm sorry that I missed your visit.

In Austin my set up is much the same as last year, that is, living at the Club, saying Mass at the church (St. Austin's) down the block, taking nine hours of courses and doing twenty hours per week of work for the Bureau of Engineering Research on my dissertation. The meals situation is much improved, since I've made arrangements to take some of my meals at the church convent, where the chancery staff eats at noon.



Patrick O. Braden  
September 18, 1959

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Nope, sorry, I didn't pick up any degrees during the past year!

The phone number here is: Greenwood  
2-9492.

My regards to one an all.

Sincerely,

Pat Braden.

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Fathers, Toronto.)





Gerald T. Gregoire  
October 11, 1958

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Basilian Fathers  
429 - 13th Street South  
Lethbridge, Alberta  
October 11, 1958.

Dear Father Scollard:

I have been going to send the following information for the past two weeks but have been waiting for a photo of the school which the photographer promised me a week ago. I shall send it as soon as I receive it. Here is the other information you asked for to the best of my ability.

School Building: Structure of reinforced concrete with reddish-brown brick facing. 90% of window space is glass brick. Floors are costly vinyl tile. Walls on the interior are partly cinder block and partly some kind of a plywood. Pastel shades are used throughout the school with a light blue predominating.

Classrooms - 8. Lab and Science demonstration class are combined. Typing room with 30 typewriters in it. Library for 40. Social Studies room and Library combined with glass partition. Gym - 2 side court with a main court for games. Basketball, Volleyball, Badminton are played. We also have a trampo-



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line. Shop - All shop courses are taught there, woodwork, automotives, electricity, metal etc. Well equipped.

Number of students - 245 (Grades VII-XII). We went into the school the last week of February. Bishop Carroll blessed the School March 7th. Civic opening was the Wednesday after the Easter vacation.

Retreat last Holy Week was preached by Father Clarmon, C.S.S.R. Basilian Residence and phone number same as last year.

I hope that this information is what you are looking for. The picture will follow as soon as I get it. All is well with the Basilians in Lethbridge. I am sorry, Father, for delaying in sending this letter but I thought that I would have the picture by now.

Sincerely yours

Gerald T. Gregoire.

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Stanley E. Kutz  
October 3, 1958

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Dear Father Scollard,

Many thanks for the newsy letter. It was the first direct word I'd had from the Seminary since I left Toronto, and it was certainly welcome. To answer your questions first: My address is in good German form as you have it, however strange it may appear to us. My telephone number is Munich 339690. The University is simply University of Munich. It does have an ancient title referring to its founder (I think) — Ludwig Maximillian II or somebody like that. However, even a native wouldn't recognize it by that name.

What follows is for the mutual edification of yourself and Father Louis Bondy. I decided to postpone my letter to him until I should have something more newsworthy to communicate than my financial status, or lack thereof. Within a week I should have established contact with some of the University people, and I will then be able to give him a better idea of what my course will be like. In fact, I have already made a contact that will probably be more useful than any other — a Father Mark Buaman, OSB — and American Benedictine who has just finished his first year of graduate work in Theology here. He has promised to help me translated my transcripts, and get me through registration, which



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evidently can be quite an ordeal for a foreigner. He tells me that I'll make the fifth North American in Theology here, so I'll have some consolation in my misery.

So that's the situation up to now. Please tell Father Bondy that I'm comfortably established in my "pension", and that he will be hearing from me within a week of this letter. Munich is a prosperous and thriving city, with lots of history built-in, so to speak. Not the most beautiful city, perhaps, but one that I think I can get to like, if only I can establish some *modus vivendi* with the University people.

'Bye for now, and please remember the Basilians of the dispersion in your prayers.

In Christo,  
Stan.

P.S. In case I forget to mention it later, please send me a Toronto Ordo when they come out. I'm saying Mass at a nearby Dominican Church and their Ordo is hard enough to follow for the Mass. It would be impossible for the Office.  
Thanks.

(Letter written from Munich by Father Stanley Kutz. Transcribed from the original in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers, Toronto.)





Stanley E. Kutz  
November 28, 1958

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Dear Father Scollard,

Just a note to thank you for your letter of more than a month ago and let you know that the Annals finally arrived today. For three cents postage, it got here in good time. (This is said in admiration, not criticism.)

You made two mistaken assumptions in your last letter: 1) that I was missing all the excitement in Rome — you're probably heard by now that John McGee and I managed to get down there for the Coronation — which in my case, at least, was only a lame excuse — I was more interested in visiting the confreres there; 2) that I am learning some Theology here. Up till now, at least, I wouldn't like to make a public estimate as to how much I've learned. That will improve, though, now that I've got through most of the red-tape attendant on using such scholarly luxuries as libraries. The staff here is nothing to scream about, from all I can observe. There are a couple of good, original thinkers, and, as anywhere else, several hacks. The nice thing about it, of course, is that I can pretty well avoid the hacks — at least until the final reckoning comes, i.e. the comprehensives, which come at the very end of the ordeal.



Stanley E. Kutz  
November 28, 1958

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It's getting late and the thoughts are coming slowly. I have one request — I think I mentioned it earlier — if you could pick up a Toronto Ordo and try to get it here by New Year. I'd be very grateful. I'd just as soon be a bit un-canonical as try to follow the sui-generis type of a-Roman Catholicism which is in vogue here.

Thanks again for the letter and the Annals. Keep us in your prayers.

In Christo,

Stan.

(Letter written from Munich by Father Stanley Kutz. Transcribed from the original deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers, Toronto.)



Jacques Deglesne  
January 20, 1959

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Soldat Deglesne Jacques  
E.M.P.T. 2e Batterie.  
Tulle (Corrèze)  
France  
January, 20, 1959.

Dear Father.

I heard by Michel that you were wondering about my new address. I was very sorry about that for I know that I should have written to you a long time ago. But on the other hand I was a little surprised for I sent several letters over there since I am in the Military Service. I keep up writing first of all to stay in communication with the Community and then to try to keep up my English which is getting poor, very poor. Mike Solski sent me the Basilian Teacher which I read with great interest.

On September 29, I was appointed at Tulle in a Military school. I am very lucky since I am working with boys. I am responsible for one section of 32 boys of around 14 years old. One by one they are like Angles, but when in a group they are very hard to manage. The military formation is terrible and I have to work hard to show them what is essential in life. I surely love them in spite of that they are getting on my nerves very often, but... what should I expect from boys of 14 years old? I need to be patient, that is all.



Jacques Deglesne  
January 20, 1959

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When my boys are in classes I am relatively free so that almost every morning I can go to Mass. The Chaplain is living at the diocesan seminary and says his Mass at the hour which is best for us. I forgot to tell you that in the school we are five seminarians. I am continuously living with one of them. The three others are scattered in the other buildings so that I do not see them very often except the morning at Mass. I can assure you that it is a great consolation to have the possibility of making some religious exercises, for the Military Service is very hard for the Seminarians. But we can do a good job among the soldiers and in my case among the boys.

Michel is not as lucky as I am, but on his last letter, however, he told me that he has finally found an interesting job. I hope he will stay there for a long time.

Well, Father, I will ask you again to excuse me of having not written to you before today; but I am quite busy, and for a couple of weeks I am preparing a talk on Canada for next week.

Before stopping I will just ask you, Father, to remember me and my boys in your prayers. Be sure I do not forget you and all the confreres in mine.





Jacques Deglesne  
January 20, 1959

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Best regards to all the confreres.

Sincerely yours in Christ.

J. Deglesne, C.S.B.

(Letter written to Father Robert Scol-  
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the Basilian Fathers, Toronto.)



David E. Belyea  
February 2, 1959

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Dear Father,

Jack Murray and Larry Elmer presented a candle to John XXIII on behalf of the Community. We ordered the candle three weeks ago and it just arrived before they left for the Vatican. These Italians are specialists in organized confusion.

Father Louis Bondy did not give us an opportunity at Xmas time to lay our eyes on a Cursus Theologicus of John of St. Thomas in our travels! No one is allowed to take a book out of the theological libraries of Rome so there is little opportunity of stealing one. It is almost impossible to work in these libraries. The librarians pick and poke type all day! I do most of my work in my room using the limited Canadian College Library as much as possible. Right now I am half finished my dissertation and am thinking about transportation home in June or July. I plan to dock in Halifax so that I won't have to travel too much. For the trip from Halifax to Saint John and then to Toronto or elsewhere a clergy pass would save the Community some money. Would you get me one and send it to Mount St. Vincent College in Halifax. The Sisters would hold it for me. Maybe I should ask Father Bondy about or for this but since he is sick in the hospital he couldn't look after it.



David E. Belyea  
February 2, 1959

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Your two letters have been sitting on my desk for some time. I still have about 20 letters to answer. Thank you for your prayers and sympathies. Paul's death was a terrible shock to me. I will miss him badly. We were close friends despite the fact that he was a Jesuit.

February 5. Here it is three days later and I still haven't finished this. Father Kennedy (Vincent) sent word the other day that he will be here next Wednesday. Our house is getting bigger. My director wants me to change a few things in my third chapter. One of the points will involve some work so I only hope that it does not eat up too much time.

I just found out that we have to publish 75 pages of the thesis before we get the degree. Maybe Gene Mally could tell me what to do about this. I was wondering if this is done here in Rome or after I get back home. Time goes too fast. Next week Lent begins.

Well Father, I should stop here and mail this on my way to buy a newspaper or God knows eh it will find its way to you. You might think that we have put a curse on Father Bondy after grounding us but it is not so.



David E. Belyea  
February 2, 1959

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Sincerely in Christ,

Dave.

(Letter written from the Canadian College, Rome, by Father David Belyea to Father Robert Scollard, Toronto. Transcribed from the original deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers, Toronto.)





Vincent L. Kennedy  
February 16, 1959

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Pontificio Collegio Canadese  
Quattro Fontane 117  
Roma

Feb. 16/59

Dear Father Scollard:

I am enclosing a copy of my first charge against the Credit Card. I took three of the boys on a trip to Arvieto yesterday. We hired a car (Fiat 600) from the Hertz Company. They charge \$6.25 for the first 100 kilometers and 5 cents for each additional one, and of course you pay for the gas at the rate of 128 Lire a litre; that's about 80 cents a Canadian gallon. The total cost amounts to about \$16.70 in Canadian money.

We had a very pleasant day with perfect weather, synny and warm. Spring has arrived in this part of Italy and some of the first trees are in blossom.

I am working every morning at the Biblioteca Corsiana — they close at 1 p.m. The collation of the Ms. is going slower than I expected and I shall probably have spend a good two weeks on it before going to Naples to do the second one. After that I have to do a third one at Assisi. So I shall certainly be in the neighborhood of Rome for at least six weeks.



Vincent L. Kennedy  
February 16, 1959

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Archbishop Lemieux of Ottawa arrived here Saturday night. I had a talk with him yesterday about our set-up in Ottawa. He is very pleased with the Oscar Regan appointment and cannot say enough about John Ruth as a pastor.

Sincerely yours in Xto

V.L. Kennedy, C.S.B.

P.S. The enclosed statement is just to check against the American Express account when it comes.

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Vincent L. Kennedy  
March 7, 1959

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Pontificio Collegio Canadese  
Quattro Fontane 117  
Roma

Mar 7/59.

Dear Father Scollard:

Your letter of March 3 reached me today. Thanks for the news and the minutes of the Council. Glad to know that Father Louis Bondy is home. You and he will have quite a time with Father George Flahiff in Europe, Father Hubert Coughlin in Texas and Father Lee Higgins and myself away.

I had a very pleasant ten days in Naples and at Monte Cassino. The trip to Naples was very much worth while and I found a fourth manuscript of my missal. Monte Cassino was a complete fiasco. I took a bus from Naples and arrived there about noon. I had written to them but I do not know yet if my letter has arrived. They have a brand new monastery but told me that there was no furniture in the guest rooms so I had to go down again to the town of Cassino and get a hotel room. I took the bus up next morning and saw three manuscripts but none of them were important. One of the priests took me thru the place and it is absolutely fantastic the money they have spent in recreating the old Monas-



Vincent L. Kennedy  
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tery. It cost millions and they have 400 rooms but only 25 priest monks. After the poverty I saw in Naples, I wonder why! The Benedictine priest who was my guide said all the money came from the Italian government and not a cent from the U.S.A. I just do not believe that. They have a very fine library but very few books. Everything was destroyed in the bombing except the manuscripts which had been sent to the Vatican. (Not even a copy of The Saints of the Canon!)

I stayed at a small hotel in Naples which was on the American Express Credit Card list. The bill will be arriving in Toronto at the end of the month. It was about five dollars a day for room and board which is very good. I pay that here at the Canadian College and even \$6.00 a day if I have one of the bishop's suites.

No progress yet in finding any of your books. The Bliiblioteca Corsiniana where I am working in Rome has the most wonderful collection of patristics and church history, Canon Law, etc. but I have not been able to steal any as yet. The manuscript on which I am working once belonged to the Basilians at Grottoferalta. I was out there two weeks ago today and I asked the librarian how one their manuscripts got to the Corsiniana Library. He said, "The Corsini and





Vincent L. Kennedy  
March 7, 1959

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the Orsini stole most of our manuscripts." Too bad I cannot do likewise.

The Basilians here are fine. Andy Maloney is doing fine; he knows more Italian than all the others and only went the one Sunday to say Mass on the Papal Mass car. That was why he did not come on our trip to Orvieto. Terry McLaughlin is expected Wednesday. I am going to Assisi this week.

Best regards,

V.L.K.

(Continued)  
March 8/59

After finishing my letter to you, I went up to Santa Sabina to see Father Browne, the Master General of the Dominicans. He was ill so I only saw his secretary. On my way back I was in a very crowded bus and a pickpocket apparently relieved me of my bill-fold. I only had about five dollars in it but it contained my credit card, my driver's license and my birth-certificate. When I got home and realized it was gone, I went at once to the "Questura Romana" or Police Headquarters. They took down my statement in quintuplicate but my credit card is still missing. I have reported the loss to the American Express and they are cabling New York — at my expense — to have it replaced.



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In the meantime, I shall not starve but it may prove embarrassing should it take some weeks to get a new one. I am told that the thief will not dare use it since he would have to show a passport. Thank the Good Lord my passport is safe and my travel-checks. I am getting some ribbing about the incident and it is a bit ironical that it should happen to me; after all I have travelled more than even Father E.J. McCorkell and I never had my pocket picked until yesterday. Should some unusual bills arrive in Toronto, such as a champagne party at the Ritz, you can deny their legality and we will carry the matter to the Supreme Court of Canada if necessary.

Regards again,

V.L.K.

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Vincent L. Kennedy  
April 3, 1959

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Pontificio Collegio Canadese  
Quattro Fontane 117  
Roma.

April 3/59.

Dear Father Scollard:

Thanks for your letter with the Credit Card. In the meantime the American Express had replaced the lost one. I turned that one back to them. So the one I will be using from on on is No. 030.001.819.9. The lost card and pocket book with driver's license never showed up.

If you are up to Holy Rosary sometime, would you ask Jimmy Martin or Rudy Diemer to inquire if that girl (Kay —) who works at the License Bureau could get a re placement for my driver's license. I hope I do not have to take the test.

You probably heard that I developed a bleeding ulcer at Assisi and had a serious hemorrhage. It took two weeks and just about \$500 in hospital and doctor bills to cure it. Terry cabled for the money as it left me broke and owing Terry \$125. It cost me \$40 for a pint of Italian blood. My blood type is rare: Type B with RH factor. In any case I can now claim to have Italian blood in my veins.'



Vincent L. Kennedy  
April 3, 1959

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I am leaving here April 9th for Vienna and then to Munich on the 11th. In case you write, address it to: American Express Company, Munich, Germany. I expect to be with John McGee and Stan Kutz for four days or so. You heard about McGee failing again. He is thru at Innsbruck and probably won't be admitted any place else.

Sincerely in Xto.

V.L. Kennedy, CSB.

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Vincent L. Kennedy  
April 14, 1959

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Munich  
Apr. 14

Dear Father Scollard:

Received your letter today at the American Express. Thanks for the news. I had heard about John J. Kelly going to Texas. I guess I am needed around there to protect Holy Rosary Parish. It is a darn shame to take Kelly out of there.

I sent you by slow mail — registered — the hospital bills. I did not want to take a chance on losing them if there is any chance of getting a refund from Blue Cross.

I had two days in the National Library in Vienna and two days here at the Staats-Bibliothek. I saw a total of twelve manuscripts but failed to turn up anything of value. Leaving for Paris tomorrow and shall go down to Annonay for a few days. I expect to cut down my time in Paris and London and fly back about May 1st. The ulcer is not bothering me but it is hard to get the proper food and I am not anxious for any further trouble. Perhaps the food will be better in Paris and London.

Stan Kutz and John McGee are well. Both are helping out the chaplain of the American Army here. McGee is a bit down



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about his failure but claims he got a raw deal. He is not crazy about Father Bondy's order to go back to Innsbruck and sit in on lectures for the rest of the year. Kutz had the use of a chaplain's Buick so we really saw Munich and the vicinity. It was a very pleasant stay here. I am enclosing copies of the bills for: Naples, Vienna and Munich. There will be more from Paris and London. I do not expect to use my credit card at Annonay.

Best regards

V.L.K.

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George B. Flahiff  
April 12, 1959

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Dear Bob,

I have not signed up with the armed forces, as this air-letter form might tend to make you think. Jack Warren happened to have them in large supply and, since France is one of the few countries not to have something of the sort available in the post-office, I took advantage of his offer. I can only hope that the Queen won't find out.

Many thanks for your letter of March 31 and now for the second one of April 6. I think that I am also indebted to you for the first few things that were forwarded to me, chiefly a couple of Easter cards and a letter of Mrs. Michener's. Thanks again. The copy of the revised Novitiate Rule has not yet reached me, but I have already left instructions that it should be kept here, if it comes after my departure on Thursday (April 16). I can assure you that your resumé of the news is far more welcome and far more worthwhile than the Overseas Edition of the Globe and Mail that they receive here each week. News in the latter is much too general, although, as a paper, I think it may have more merit than the daily; it is a little like the New York Times' News of the World in the Sunday Edition. At least, I did learn there of Father Keane's death. The diocese has had its losses, although neither he nor Father Lanhier was counted on for



George B. Flahiff  
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further service. Thanks for the word about Frank Lally's father and, of course, for all the news about Assumption, furnishings for the novitiate, negotiations re St. Michael's College School properties, etc. The observations of the Ukrainian Bishop of Stamford throws some light on the delays all right; you can't help but wonder if the Bishop's keen interest in the boy wasn't post factum. They do not seem to pay much attention to what Pope Pius XII had to say in the part of Sedes Sapientiae dealing with vocations where he stated that, when a vocation is clearly to a clerical religious congregation, one must not try to divert him to the secular clergy and vice versa, etc. I suppose you could always argue as to what is clearly a vocation. As far as I am concerned, we can only leave the whole matter in the Good Lord's hands, even if others under the Bishop's jurisdiction apply. Perhaps he will regard Mr. Pasnak's heart condition as a visitation upon us for having taken him. That is too bad; try to see that we have as exact a report as possible by the latter part of May. I hope that Father Francis Grescoviak's indisposition is not too serious; we need him. Is his discouragement merely about his own health or does he worry about the results of his work? The latter have always seemed good.





George B. Flahiff  
April 12, 1959

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You sound as though you were quite as upset as I was in regard to news about Father Vincent Kennedy. My experience was similar. Thirteen days after the trouble in Assisi, I got my first intimation of it when Don O'Gorman received a card from Charlie Principe who, among other things, mentioned that Father Kennedy was in the hospital after having been brought from Assisi. I had to write to Rome myself to get any information. I don't know who is at fault, but such apparent secrecy does not help the cause. It may be that they did not know where to reach me, between Paris, Jack Warren's place and Annonay, although I had indicated my itinerary fairly well. I have already written to Father Kennedy making certain observations; since I am going to Rome, I thought it better to speak to them there when I am on the spot.

I found Don O'Gorman definitely overworked, yet not too badly off physically. His thesis will obviously be a good one and the delay in finishing is due to new things that were discovered. I finally advised him to leave the defence over until next year, to take things a bit easier right now and then see a bit of France before coming home; he has seen practically nothing after a whole year over here; for a Professor of French, that just won't do.

At Paris, I did little more than talk with Don and visit places that used to be



George B. Flahiff  
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well known. However, I did manage lunch with Professor Gilson who is rounding into good shape again. I also got to Chrtres to see M. Loire about the window. As Father Hubert Coughlin may have told you, there have been som changes — not too modern, but certainly less "pictural" than the design that he first submitted. I am convinced nevertheless that we shall have a very beautiful window. Loire himself is even quite excited about it. In any case, the visit to Chartres was delightful.

Jack Warren is doing great work in the Air Force. I stayed some three days with him as guest of the Royal Canadian Air Force, met a good many of his "parishioners" and visited a bit of the surrounding country with him. He is very happy; that is evident, yet his interest in the Community's doings is still keen. A young part-time chaplain (O.M.I. from Edmonton) comes to help him on Sundays.

The three here at Annonay are all highly esteemed by staff, pupils, local clergy and people, from what I can judge. It is obvious, too, that the College enjoys a good reputation. Don't look for immediate vocations; it will take awhile to solidify their position, but I think the vocations will come. Father Antoine Epitalon has slipped a lot since the last time I was here; he now has trouble with his legs and can walk but very little.



George B. Flahiff  
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Father Mazet is about the same as when I last saw him. The others are as healthy as can be. I do not think there will be any rash of heart attacks here; they take everything pretty calmly. Father René Robert will give you word soon about the retreat-preacher; the one he wants has been away and, though he tried again the other day, he cannot get final word. I have found no copies of Religious Rules as yet; I guess most booksellers are not particularly interested in that kind of literature. Thanks for Lee Higgins' address.

The confreres send best regards, especially the three expatriates. Both Jacques and Michel were here over last weekend, getting a permission for the occasion. They do not like their military service, but they accept it; both look well but Miche Deglène seems to have one trouble after another. Regards to all in the Curial House and Seminary. Thanks again and God bless you.

G.B. Flahiff, C.S.B.

(Letter written to Father Robert Scollard, from Annonay. Transcribed from the original deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers, Toronto.)



Ernest J. Lajeunesse  
March 18, 1959

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Assumption University of Windsor  
Windsor, Ontario, Canada  
March 18/59

Dear Bob —

Enclosed you will find some items from the Amherstburg Echo re the academic year 1883-4 at Assumption College. It is now quite clear that both the main wing and the refectory were erected in 1883.

In a cash book I found the names of Father Pouzzol, Father J. Collins, Father P. O'Donoghue drawing money. Also a Mr. R. Burke. The last named might be the author of your diary.

Hoping this material reaches you in time, and thanking you again for all your kindnesses of last week, I remain

Very sincerely

E.J. Lajeunesse , CSB

P.S. Tell Father Louis Bondy,  
Father Robert Hwell will  
write soon.

Amherstburg Echo

March 23, 1883, page 4, column 2: Some important  
improvements to the Assumption College,  
at Sandwich, will be made the coming season.





Ernest J. Lajeunesse  
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According to the original plans of the college building they were to consist of a main building facing the west and a wing crossing it at right angles at each end, in the form of the letter H. The quarters now occupied are what correspond to the east <he means south E.J.L.> wing, and the new structure is to be the building proper. It will be of brick with stone facing, 140 x 45 feet and three stories high. The first floor is to be fitted up for parlour and class rooms, the second for teachers' quarters, and the upper for dormitories. In the rear of this building will be a small structure, to be utilized for kitchen purposes and servants' quarters, with the boiler and engine room in the basement. The intention is to erect a chapel on the site of the north wing, but that will not be done for some time to come. Much of the building material is already on the ground. Work will be begun as soon as spring opens, and will be finished about September 1st. A contract for the building has been let to H. Reaume of Windsor, and A. Delisle, also of Windsor, will have charge of the carpenter work. The plumbing and steam fitting will be done by John Harman. The college is now in a more flourishing condition than at any time in its history, and since being under the Basilian monks, it has increased in popularity each year. The number of boarding scholars is now 130.



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August 3, 1883. page 8, column 4: Rev.  
Michael  
J. Ferguson, C.S.B., for two years the  
leading professor at Assumption College,  
Sandwich, part of that time Vice-Rector,  
has been appointed to the presidency of  
the Catholic College at Plymouth, England.

August 24, 1883. Page 6, Column 4: The ad-  
dition  
that is being built to Assumption College  
will not be entirely finished until late  
in the fall. The cost of the improvements  
will approximate \$35,000.

Rev. Father McBrady, an eloquent young  
priest attached to St. Michael's College,  
Toronto, will succeed Father Ferguson as  
professor of rhetoric at Assumption Col-  
lege, Sandwich.

October 12, 1883. Page 6, column 3: The  
ad-  
dition to Assumption College, Sandwich  
is almost finished.

November 23, 1883. Page 6, column 6: The  
Rev.  
Father Ferguson returned home on the 14th  
from Toronto. He is now at Assumption  
College at Sandwich, and is rapidly re-  
covering from the illness that drove him  
from England.

The addition to the Assumption College at  
Sandwich is now completed with the excep-  
tion of some plastering still to be fin-



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ished. The whole work has been under the management of A. Delisle of Windsor who made all the plans and superintended all the work. The addition contains 40 rooms and three halls each 140 feet long, besides dining room, offices and kitchen.

December 7, 1883. Page 6, column 3: Assump-  
tion  
College has at present in it 125 boarders, and more are expected after the Christmas holidays, when the handsome new addition will be ready for occupation.

April 12, 1884. Page 4, column 4: Sandwich.  
The  
blessing of L'Assumption College took place at Sandwich, Wednesday, in the presence of over 40 priests and all the students to the number of 150. The ceremonies commenced with a long and touching prayer by Bishop Walsh, of London, after which the solemn mass was observed by the Very Rev. Father Hennaert, of Detroit, assisted by Father Vincent, of Toronto, and Father Joos of Monroe, as deacons; Father Wagner, of Windsor, as sub-deacon; Father Aboulin, of Marshall, Michigan, as master of ceremonies, and Father Buysse of Jackson, deacon of honor. After the ceremonies were concluded, all in attendance partook of a dinner, which was served for the occasion.

June 27, 1884. Page 6, column 2: Bishop  
Walsh of  
London consecrated the bell on L'Assump-



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tion College, Thursday, 19th inst. The bell which weighs 800 lbs. and cost \$350 was donated by a number of members of the faculty belonging to the institution.

July 11, 1884. Page 6, column 6. Sandwich

— The

Assumption College annual distribution of prizes and closing exercises took place Monday afternoon of last week, in the spacious hall of that fine institution, in the presence of their Lordships Bishops Walsh of LONDON, and Borgess of Detroit, and a large assemblage of parents and friends of the pupils. Among those present were the Rev. Dean Wagner, of Windsor; Rev. P. Brennan, of St. Mary's; Rev. Fathers Scanlon and Dumphy of Windsor; Rev. Fr. Van Antwerp, of Grosse Pointe; Rev. P. Ryan, of Amherstburg; Rev. D. O'Connor, Superior of the house and staff of the college. The boys executed the different numbers of the program in a racy, capital style. The music, both vocal and instrumental, was very well rendered and much appreciated by the audience. Some of the prizes awarded were beautiful and costly, in some instances complete sets of volumes, elegantly bound, were presented to different pupils. After the distribution both bishops addressed a few appropriate remarks to the boys, wishing them a pleasant vacation, and hoping that they would return to their next year's work with fresh courage and renewed ardor. The boys then sang the National Anthem and thus





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closed a most successful year for Assumption College, due to the energy and able management of its President, Rev. Dennis O'Connor. The College reopens on the first Tuesday of September.

(Letter to Father Robert Scollard. Transcribed from the original deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers, Toronto.)



Wilfrid C. Sharpe  
April 25, 1959

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University of St. Thomas  
3812 Montrose Boulevard  
Houston 6, Texas

April 25, 1959

Dear Bob:

Thanks for the copy of the Novitiate Rule. I agree with you that it will make things much easier, when everything is set down definitely. A novice will find it easier to conform when he sees that it is all in the book, and not something arbitrarily dictated by a master of novices. Now that both novitiates are separated from other houses, there will be less complications and less necessity for re-arranging schedules. That is good news that the Pontiac Novitiate is so far advanced.

I was down to see Father Bill Sheehan a week ago and gave him your message. He appreciated the prayers. He was able to sit up and move around that day and was in very good spirits. He may have to stay in the hospital about three weeks more, but he is coming along fine. It was a pretty severe attack but the worst of it is over.

Bishop Nold also is in the hospital after a mild heart attack. He will be there for another month. I think the graduations will have to get along without him this



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year. Ours is May 29th, but our last day of teaching is May 16th.

I hope you are getting some spring weather after that winter, which I understand was pretty severe. We had a very late spring, but it is up to eighty today.

Give my best to the brethren.

With every good wish,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

W.C. Sharpe, C.S.B.

(Letter to Father Robert Scollard. Transcribed from the original deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers, Toronto.)



Robert G. Miller  
May 29, 1959

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Cambridge May 29, 1959

Dear Bob —

Much to my disappointment no one, so far, has asked even to look at my celebret or permission for shipboard although I've celebrated each — though one day was precariously rough at sea. But maybe in France I'll be asked and then proudly whip out my documents. I feel far safer with them indeed.

I have been looking around in several secondhand stores but so far have not discovered anything in the areas you asked me to look for. Went through a tremendous theological section in Blackwells at Oxford but ordered nothing, though I did get 45 books in the philosophical section. They had none of the things you wanted. Will keep eyes peeled however in France, Belgium, Germany, etc.

You told me to write you when I was fairly certain where I'd be around "appointment time". Now, I gathered there was a possibility the appointments might not come out June 14th but rather on July 1st. I don't know where I'll be July 1st yet but do now know where I'll be June 14th (a Sunday); so you'll get the appointments to us on June 13th mail I hope dear Secretary General, n'est-ce pas? I plan to be in Paris at the address on the back until June 9th at 10:30 a.m. Then I go





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to Louvain where I'll be until the mail gets in on Monday A.M. June 15th. Then off to Holland and Cologne. Because I don't now yet where I'll live in Luvain I'll receive my mail and ask that it be sent to me thusly: Rev. R.G. Miller, CSB, c/o Msgr. De Raeymacher, Pres. Institut Supérieur de Philosophie, 2 Place Cardinal Mercier, Louvain, Belgium.

I would indeed appreciate receiving the Master List if you are able to send me one, Bob, s'il vous plait? If they aren't out on June 14 but July 1st I'll know later in June where I'll be on July 1st, likely near or in Rome and will send you my mailing address before that time. Of course, now, why not just send them over now old boy, old buddy and save me minor faults of unreligious curiosity!

Best regards Bob. Hope to hear from you by June 13th. Pray for

Bob Miller, CSB

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John B. Janisse  
July 8, 1959

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University of St. Thomas  
3812 Montrose Boulevard  
Houston 6, Texas

July 8th 1959.

Dear Father Scollard,

Just received some news that I have been waiting for for some time, namely that I got my degree on June 13th. The reason I didn't get it earlier was that I went on holidays the last two weeks of June, but the letter from Michigan was waiting for me, Deo gratias, when I returned which was Friday, though it was at the school and I didn't actually get it till Monday. Could you please mention the same to Father Flahiff, Father Bondy and Father Hubert Coughlin, along with my sincerest thanks and the assurance of a remembrance in my prayers for all concerned.

The reason I took holidays so early this year was that my folks seemed to prefer that. They seem to be getting ready to move to Windsor, but my mother didn't want that till visiting time was over. Actually I was privileged, I think, to be able to take holidays at all after so short a stand in Houston. I drove back down with my sister, her husband, and two children, and that way got to realize that 1300 miles is a good distance after all. It took us over three days to get



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down. My sister stayed till Tuesday, and then went on to New Orleans, possibly to Florida, and then back by the east coast.

Things are progressing quite smoothly in the library. I must say that for a man who has a heart condition, Father John Meyer puts in a man's size half-day. His half-day starts at 7:30 in the morning and goes till 12. Many people on a full time schedule would not put in much more time than that. He has been very considerate. I have had the chance to meet a lot of cowboys who come to see him regularly. Father Meyer was telling me he even ate dinner with Jim Arness, the star of "Gunsmoke" when he was in Houston a couple of months ago.

Well, here's hoping that things are progressing well towards your new library expansion at the Seminary. I came near to going to Toronto and then accompanying Roland back to Windsor just after the young priests' retreat in Toronto, but things didn't want to line up too well so I dropped the idea.

Yours in Christ

John Janisse, CSB

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Richard Sheehan  
October 4, 1959

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St. Thomas More College  
University of Saskatchewan  
1437 College Drive  
Saskatoon, Sask.  
Oct. 4, 1959

Dear Father Scollard:

Thank you for your letter last week. Sorry to be so slow answering but have been very busy. New building is not yet completed. It is very frustrating to see it coming along so slowly. However Christmas should certainly see the last of the workmen out. Floor in the gym should go down this week. There is still a lot to be done in the basement.

I have been held up in pictures of it as I was waiting for sign to go up on a blank wall and break its monotony. However it is not ready yet so hope you can use enclosed ones.

New addition consists of a gymnasium 95' x 64' with collapsible bleachers to seat 800; two new classrooms; a new science laboratory, library, general office and principal's office, staff room, cafeteria and kitchen, two dressing rooms and shower rooms, athletic director's office, a large room to be used by Knights of Columbus as their clubroom, and an office for the permanent secretary of K.C.'s.





Richard Sheehan  
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Wilf Rachinsky arrived home from the Novitiate last week. He and his parents were in to see me before going out to the farm. I believe he will take a job in a bank and probably go to Teachers College next year.

Everyone here is fine. Father Gerard Pilecki feels good today after bagging a duck yesterday in his first hunting trip.

Yours in Christ,

Dick Sheehan, C.S.B.

P.S. Pictures were being developed while I wrote this. They didn't turn out too well. I will have some more taken this week.

(Letter describing the addition to St. Paul's High School, Saskatoon. Transcribed from the original deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers, Toronto.)



Daniel V. Burns  
June 21, 1959

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H.M.C.S. Fort Erie  
Gulf of St. Lawrence  
June 21, 1959

Dear Bob,

Just a note to thank you for the appointment list. I was surprised to get it so early. The changes at St. John Fisher were not too great a surprise. I am really sorry to lose the Dean, because he did such a fine job at St. John Fisher, although it was often in an autocratic manner. However I am sure he is happy about the move himself. The other moves are losses in a way but I feel sure they are for the best. I don't know much about what we are getting, but I think Bob Fischette will make a good dean.

As you see by the letterhead, I am on the high seas again. I am not going far though. We are now accompanying the Queen in her Royal Yacht, the Britannia, on her way up the St. Lawrence. We have not entered the St. Lawrence River yet, but we will tonight and by tomorrow night we will pass Quebec City. We are on our way up to Lake St. Louis, above Montreal for the official opening of the new Seaway by the Queen and President Eisenhower. After the opening the Queen and the President will sail past 16 Canadian



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and American ships (including the Fort Erie), and receive a 21 gun salute from each. After that we, that is the Fort Erie and one other ship, the Swansea, will return to Halifax, stopping a Quebec for about four days. We are training ships of University Naval Cadets. It may sound glamorous to be escorting the queen, but it is really not much of a trip. However I don't mind it too much. I had more interesting and satisfying work during the two weeks or nearly two weeks at Stadacona in Halifax, especially with convert instructions. That is the work I really like when we get them as we do there. Father LeBlanc, there, had about fourteen baptized since the beginning of the year and will have ten more very soon. That will be two dozen in six months. That is very good work. What is nice about it too, is that they seem so eager to take the instructions. If Catholics would only live up to their beliefs and teachings, we could get a lot more. The harvest is ripe, for young people seem to see the need for religion more than they used to. All they need is the example to get them started. We can do the rest.

Well, Bob, thanks again for the appointment lists. I hope to see you again before the summer is over.

Yours sincerely in Christ  
Dan V. Burns, CSB



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P.S. I forgot to say that as the Queen joined up with us this morning at Gaspe she was given a 21 gun salute as she sailed past twelve ships stretched out in a line. Each ship manned ship and gave her three cheers as she sailed past.

D.V.B.

(Letter to Father Robert Scollard.  
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Charles J. Principe  
January 3, 1959

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Paris, January 3rd, 1959

Dear Father,

I intended to answer your letter from Annonay. Neither "your" letter nor any other ever got off the pad. So go the holidays here. However, I hope that by now the Eudist examen book has reached you. I mailed it about Dec. 22nd.

As you will see from the booklet, the Eudists' examen exercise is a time of vocal prayer (litanies etc.) with a few moments for meditation on the virtues in the life of Christ rather than an "examination of conscience". Their attention is focussed more on the positive than on the negative, as you have concluded. I only repeat here what the Superior said so as to corroborate what you found.

There is no good edition of the works of St. John Eudes in print. The last edition of his Oeuvres Complètes (Beauchesne et Cie, Rue de Rennes 117, Paris, 1908) is exhausted, and the Superior here says his works need re-editing. Incidentally, there are notes on the examen method in this edition.

I haven't visited Lethielleux yet, but I shall do so soon. Don and I had a pleasant stay at Annonay. Don and I



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both left here on the 23rd, so we celebrated the feast with the confreres. Don said the Midnight Mass in our chapel which was packed with parishioners of St. François who prefer not to go down from the plateau into the city (and especially the climb up the hill after Mass). Our chapel serves the same purpose on Sunday, and last year sermons were preached (this year also). I helped with the sparse confessions on the 24th and sang Midnight Mass in a country parish near Annonay. I'm sure the sincerity and gusto of the improvised choir made up for the poor results. George Beaune could write a short story about his Christmas work — a real image of Bethlehem, with a cold old country church perched on a hill and shepherds mounting the slopes for Mass.

Don returned to Paris on the 29th and is fretting over his thesis. He talks more pessimistically than he really feels (he confesses himself), but he is going through the throes of creation right now. Don't tell anyone.

I'm sure you are remembering my mother in your prayers. I feel sure also that she has merited a quick entry into Heaven.

My belated best wishes for a blessed New Year.

In Christ and Mary  
Charlie Principe, C.S.B.



John W. McGee  
February 22, 1959

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Dear Father Scollard,

Your letter came to satisfy my curiosity regarding the visitors. I had heard from Father Jungmann that Father Vincent Kennedy was coming but there were no details and so I was quite surprised, not having heard anything of the proposed trip. It will be enjoyable seeing and I am interested in what his work might be. Because the dates you mentioned include the Sacrum Triduum and Easter I think I had better write him and make some definite plans, for I was planning on being in Munich at that time. However, I don't think there will be any difficulty in getting together. I will be most happy to be a guide for him and all visitors, but I am not sure how much interpreting I could do. I can get around all right, though, as far as the requirements of a guide are concerned.

The time mentioned for Father George Flahiff's visit sounds all right from my end, as there is nothing at that time to interfere. I hope to be about half-way through the next exam by then. I am looking forward to seeing him too. I suppose that when the time comes I will know when and where to expect him and if there are any arrangements to be made in advance.

Today we are having our first snow since early in January. It has been the nicest



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February I have ever seen; very warm and sunny (an oddity for Innsbruck). Even today's snow is more rain and does not look as if it will last. We might have to import snow from Toronto for the skiers.

Last week along, or rather large, bundle of letters came from the fellow exiles and brought me up to date with the activities around the rest of the Basilian world. It certainly was very interesting and welcome. A few weeks ago Stan Kutz sent me a bunch from the seminarians — notes written before a movie or play, I presume. They too were interesting and it seems that the Seminary has not changed substantially in the past few years.

I was sorry to hear that John Kraus' father is not well and will keep him in my prayers. By now Father Louis Bondy is feeling better, I hope. How are the rest of the confreres — Father Dan Corrigan and Father Emil Welty, for example?

Thanks for mentioning the openings available in the community for theology teachers. I know of the need and would be quite happy to help relieve it, but I am not sure that I will meet the requirements.

Well, there is not much news from here except that another war with the Italians





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might break out at any time. An Austrian official was refused permission to enter South Tirol at Brenner last week and the papers are furious. A note was sent to Rome protesting and there was some talk of breaking off diplomatic relations with Rome. Brenner is referred to as the "Iron Curtain" by the Innsbruck papers. Saturday was the start of the celebrations of the 150th anniversary of the Triolean rebellion against Napoleon's occupation and quite a few of the South Tyroleans flew Austrian flags, much to the annoyance of the Italians. Apparently there was almost shooting, but mostly it seems that it is a matter of talk. I don't know what to think about Berline, as it sometimes looks quite serious.

In a few weeks I hope to try the Dogma again and I would appreciate it if you would remember that intention. My regards to all,

Sincerely in Christ,

J. McGee, CSB

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John F. Collins  
September 10, 1959

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Dear Bob:

Mr. Weth arrived back in Sugar Land today. He was thrilled with the red-carpet treatment you, George Solana and René Vermillion gave him. He was impressed no end with Toronto and the Basilians. He thought that you were just about the greatest guy that he has ever met. He was very much impressed that you took time to show him around and he was also impressed by your diction and vocabulary. He figured that you were a professor of English at the College.

We have had an excessive amount of rain that has hampered the cotton-harvest and hurt the economy of our people considerably. It has delayed our opening of St. Theresa' Church in Sugar Land and the progress at Angleton. They have been only able to work ten days out the last six weeks.

The church in Navasota is completed, blessed and in use. The Ordinary delegated me to bless the new church on August 31st. There was a nice crowd of parishioners, priests and sisters on hand, so I had to preach in both Spanish and English.

The Columban Fathers are scheduled to take over at Navasota early in October rather than September as was originally planned.



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We are preparing for our annual Bazaar and Raffle on October 4th. If the weather does not clear up and let our people get their cotton picked our receipts will be down quite a bit.

All the confreres are well. Father Robert Ritz has transferred to St. Anne's and the University and I believe he has his complicated schedule worked out.

Regards to the confreres,

Sincerely yours

John Collins, CSB

(Letter written from Sugar Land to Father Robert Scollard. Transcribed from the original deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers, Toronto.)



Eugene A. Heyck  
September 29, 1959

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St. Anne's Church  
2140 Westheimer  
Houston 6, Texas  
September 29, 1959

Dear Father Scollard,

Enclosed is the data for the Annals from St. Anne's. Things are in high gear with the new school year under way. Fathers Robert Ritz and Francis Monaghan are regularly at the University and I'm back at Marian High School. The important news from Marian is that we have eleven vocations this year. There are eight girls and three boys. Two of the boys are going to the diocese and the third is to the Passionists. I think we will begin to reap the harvest next year. There is one very fine lad who is leaning toward the Basilians right now and there are several other prospects.

Father Marty O'Toole has arrived and seems to be settling into the pattern of parish life very well. It is quite a surprise to learn in your letter that John McGee is joining us. He is a wonderful confrere to have around and I am very glad that we are getting him. I'm just sorry that he found the going so tough at Innsbruck.

We are following the decree of Pius XII on the participation of the faithful at





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Mass with good results at Marian. They are giving all the responses which the server normally does and, in addition, they recite the Gloria, Creed, Sanctus, Pater Noster, and Agnus Dei with me. We are also having one or two High Masses each month at which the entire student body form the choir for the Ordinary and responses. The Proper is handled by a specially chosen group of singers. There have been no directives from the Bishop on putting the decree in effect in the Galveston Diocese. The burden falls entirely upon those who are interested. Incidentally, I was at Notre Dame for the Liturgical Conference and was very pleased to see such a fine representation of Basilians. I hope that interest is continuing to be stimulated at the Seminary. One of the fruits of the conference as far as St. Anne's is concerned is a series of Sunday sermons which I am currently giving on the Mass.

If you need any more information for the Annals, I'll do what I can to get it for you. Please give my regards to the confreres.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Gene Heyck

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Matthew A. Killoran  
October 2, 1959

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Ste. Anne's Church  
Basilian Fathers  
1000 Ste. Anne St.  
Detroit 16, Michigan

Oct. 2, 1959.

Dear Bob:

Glad to receive your note. It always keeps us in touch with the outside part of the Community. I was so pleased to hear that Father Louis Bondy was coming down to be present at Father Francis Boland's "Junta General". I understand they are handing out some degrees freely these days. I wish they would consent to give one to an old fellow I know in Belledune. He hasn't much of an education but he always calimed he could "jump higher, dive deeper and come drier" than any man in Belledune.

There is nothing new going on at Ste. Anne's. Father Cyril Howard has just come out of Hotel Dieu Hospital. He had an operation for haemorrhoids. There were many questions asked about the nature of his disease. We had various answers. I found it hard to give the same answer to all. The O'Briens were very eager to know what exactly was his trouble. I said I would sooner not discuss it but Father Howard "was just at that age". That kept them from asking any further questions.



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One time when Joe Pope had the same operation at Providence he warned me not to tell anyone he was in the hospital and what it was for. The first day he was in the hospital one of the parents ran into him in the hospital and came home and told their children. They in turn told the Sister in class. She asked me what he was doing there and I said he was having his tonsils out. That P.M. two of them went up to visit him and said what a painful operation he had and how he would eat a lot of ice cream, etc. They figured all the time it was his tonsils and Joe figured they knew what it was and that I had told them. In fact I think he still thinks I told them the truth.

I understand that the Gary situation (Andrean High School) is not too cheerful yet. Father John Burke was up over the week-end and I guess things will be in "a state of chassis" for a while. The students do not have a very high I.Q. so the Institute better not bank too much on having any students join their classes from Gary. He felt the building would be nearly ready to begin classes next September. Father T.A. MacDonald was of the same opinion.

Well Bob it is dinner time and I better go,

Best to all, Matt.

(Letter to Father Robert Scollard, transcribed from the original deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers.)



John A. Warren  
October 9, 1959

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Dear Bob,

I have been greatly remiss in not writing long ere this. Please forgive. I had been taking it for granted that the Rev. Hubert Coughlin would pass along any items of news that might be of interest.

Thanks for your many missives and tidbits of news. I am looking forward to the Annals and also the monthly publication from the Seminary — both help a great deal to keep in touch with Community goings-on. You will find my return address on this folder; you have the correct one in last year's Annals — both are allee samee.

And while you are mailing things, I should appreciate having a copy of the Constitutions, if one is easily available; mine has been lost in transit. Am readin the Rule now, and find that I should follow it with the Constitutions, so you can help me keep one rule at least.

In my last letter to Father Coughlin a few days ago I gave him a run-down on our program with the dialogue Mass etc. I forgot to say that next week I shall be taking the religion classes in the two schools (Grade and High) to teach





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the pupils the Latin responses and to give them a course on the Mass. I am aiming to turn out a good crop of people who can actively and intelligently take part in the Holy Sacrifice.

I also forgot to mention that I had been to Trier (two hours' drive) twice to view the Robe. Once privately, and the second drive with about fifty of our people. It was a joint pilgrimage represented by all the Air Force bases here, and we had an excellent turnout. I had the privilege of saying the Mass for our group at St. Matthias Church, one of the oldest in Germany and where the body of the apostle Matthias is buried. The number of people who have gone to Trier this summer is almost unbelievable. The Robe is in a glass case, is seamless and appears to be made of a coarse material; it is short-sleeved and also short in length, and so looks as if it must have been worn under a larger tunic. Needless to say, we were all duly impressed.

It seems to me you asked some time ago for a picture of our chapel. I deliberately didn't send one, since I am not frightfully proud of the building. The interior is quite good, if small; at least, it is fairly well appointed. But, the general lay-out and the exterior appearance leave much to be desired. I have always claimed that it must have



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been planned by a French Communist who hates the church. The plans have no room for confessional choir nor office, so some make-shifting had to be undertaken. My living quarters are part of the building, behind the altar: living room, bed-room and bath. However, our former CO, who left in June, ordered, as one of his last official acts, new quarters for me in a building behind the chapel. Our offices are already established in it, and the painters are working on the living quarters which are immediately next to my office. I shall have a larger living-room, kitchen complete, bath and bed-room.

The Protestant chaplains are going to start bugging all and sundry for a chapel building at the Married Quarters. They are located 12 miles away, and thus it is very awkward with nothing there in the way of chapel facilities; at present I use the staff room in the kindergarten school; it seats 110 in a pinch, but the second Mass on Sunday is always overcrowded with at least 125 to 160. Two Masses on the Base, at 11:00 and 12:30 easily take care of our needs there — the chapel seats 135. With four Masses I have to have help on Sunday, and it is greatly appreciated by the people and myself. When I arrived we had one Mass at the Marriedquarters and one here; needless to say, both were



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overcrowded. Confessions before Mass delayed starting. Since getting help, Communions have trebled (or tripled?); that was the main reason, really, for getting an extra man on Sunday.

If I can get a decent picture — exterior and interior — of the chapel, I'll send it along. I hope it will inspire the seminarians priests to say an extra prayer for us, especially for the intention of getting the fallen-aways back and for a chapel for the families.

Sincerely in Christ,

Jack.

(Letter written by Father John Warren from a Royal Canadian Air Force Base in Europe to Father Robert Scollard. Transcribed from the original deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers, Toronto.)



Paul J. Meloche  
October 12, 1959

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Basilian Fathers  
1818 First Street East  
Calgary, Alberta

October 12, 1959.

Dear Father Scollard,

With an apology for the dealy, I include the information and picture for the Annals. The picture needs a bit of explanation since it is the main cause of the dealy. No picture was available from our amateur photographers among the confreres. I had to contact the School Board Office and these in turn had to go one step back to the Architect. Where this one comes from, only God knows. Because of four trees in front of the classroom wing of the school (part of one tree is showing) it is very difficult to get a good picture of the front showing the rather impressive main entrance. The enclosed photo is of the east side showing the two students' entrances. I wish I could have gotten something showing the front. However, this will give the confreres a little idea of our beautiful set-up.

Although regretting the one casualty, it is encouraging to hear that Father John O'Loane is pleased with the Alberta delegation. Really, Bob Bourque had been shaky all along. Shortly before I left for Edmonton last June, Bob Bourque





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came to the house one evening. This was the first time we had gotten together regarding his entering the Novitiate. (He was Father Coll's and I had deliberately steered clear.) He left me with the impression that the decision had not been entirely his own. To elaborate would be unfair to him and to others concerned. I pray that the others will stay.

It is early to predict things for next year. Already I am working with two — both very fine boys and good students. The Christian Brothers at St. Joseph's College in Edmonton suggested to me last summer that I should send them some of our literature for their Students' Reading Room. I have done so and took the liberty of including my name as a closer bureau of information. Would you send me a bit of our literature — posters especially. You may omit sending the pamphlet (Meet the Basilian Fathers). I have a lot of those.

I ask your prayers for a successful year.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Paul

(Letter of Father Paul Meloche, transcribed from the original deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers, Toronto.)



T. James Hanrahan  
October 20, 1959

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Saint Mark's College  
Vancouver 8, B.C.  
October 20, 1959.

Dear Father Scollard,

Sorry for the delay in answering your letter requesting information for the Annals. I have been working at a Correspondence Lecture series for the University and also preparing a talk for the Newman Alumni for last night, so that there has not been much time.

Father Henry Carr's sister, Mrs. Hatch, has been here for a month, leaving just yesterday. She and her friend, Mrs. Morgan, had all of us down to the Vancouver Hotel for a dinner a couple of weeks ago. Sunday they came up here to hear Father Owen Lee play the piano that Mrs. Hatch donated to the College last year.

Father Lee spent ten days in Berkeley, California, to work in the library of the University of California in order to gather material for his thesis on the Orpheus Myth in Literature.

Father James Keon seems to be enjoying his work at Saint Paul's Hospital Nursing School. He is teaching Rational and Experimental Psychology, Religion Courses in each of the three years and Medical Ethics. These are not given all



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at once, the medical ethics not being given until the spring. He is able to stay down there during the day and is getting to know the nurses much better than we were able to last year when three of us divided the courses among us and had to dash back to the university as soon as class was over. He is also giving lectures on Saturday mornings to a group of Sisters at one of the Catholic High Schools on Philosophy.

Courses given are the same as last year except that Father Elliott Allen is not giving Greek Philosophy, I have one course in Medieval History and Canadian History, and there are no night courses. Father Allen is giving a series of evening lectures on Ethics for the Newman Club and they have been well attended.

There are about 1300 Catholics on the campus this year again. The Newman Club is planning a full program of activities and hoping for a successful year.

Other items of information on the form you sent.

Yours in Christ,

Jim Hanrahan, C.S.B.

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E. Blake Coll  
November 1, 1959

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Basilian Fathers  
1818 First Street East  
Calgary, Alberta  
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Dear Bob:

Thanks for your letter of October 23. I gather that both the Alberta matriculation and teacher qualifications are unknown quantities to the people in Toronto. The novices you name should have produced their grade XII transcripts by now. If they have not, they should be asked to write the Department of Education, Examination Branch, Edmonton, for official copies. One dollar per transcript will be needed. Edmonton will only supply these to the holder of the credits or to an official educational institution. Roughly for matriculation one hundred credits are needed and 50% in each of the six grade XII subjects with a general grade XII average of 60% or better. Michael Cooney, William Fisher and Bruce McDonald have their matric; Patrick Kelly lacks credit of 50% in French.

I fear that the Alberta matriculation does not prepare boys for advanced work in eastern universities. Quite possibly real potential would be handicapped in the early years of honor courses. If some courses, even senior matric, could be taken in either first year with trans-





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fer to an honor course after it, their real abilities might emerge.

Fisher and McDonald should be good students. Kelly is a worker and will likely produce when he finds his bearings. Cooney is clever but in our experience needs constant pushing. Possibly he has matured since he left us.

I am toying with the idea of visiting Toronto at Christmas to plead for staff for next year and look in on the Christmas Conference. We are fifty-fifty here now — Basilians and lay teachers — and I fear we are in danger of becoming a Basilian School in name only.

Where is the man on the Council whom I was asked to support as high schoolrepresentative? The only time we heard from him was with a request to peddle something.

Hope to see you soon.

Blake.

(Letter from Father Blake Coll to Father Robert Scollard. Transcribed from the original deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers, Toronto.)



Kevin J. Kirley  
December 9, 1959

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Annonay, December 9, 1959.

Dear Father Scollard,

No, I haven't forgotten your requests made in your letter of November 20. Father Charles Roume and I are working on the information in our spare time, though it may be Christmas or after before we have gathered enough to make it worthwhile writing.

Research of that kind is very time-consuming, as little or no order exists in the archives here. Father Roume has at least classified them more or less according to importance but details such as you have asked for have to be dug out of personal letters where reference is only made in passing, as it were, to the numbers of confreres in a particular house, etc. And a certain amount of guess-work has to be used in distinguishing between confreres and diocesan helpers. Even the superiors in those days didn't bother to specify just who was who; that was taken for granted, everybody should know the different members of the family. If it were all on index cards in smart metal cabinets, we could have you complete and up to date in no time, but such is far from being the case, even in modern France, let alone that of Flaubert and Balzac, Tourvieille and Malbos.



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And that brings me to this manuscript which Father Roume apparently promised to send Father Laurence Shook some time ago, a statement of the financial status of the community in Toronto in 1856, made out by the bursar, P. Malbos, and the superior, P. Soulerin, addressed to the superior here, P. Tourvieille. He thought it would be of more interest to you than to the house here. He also found an old graduating diploma, 1857, which he thought you might be interested in seeing, made out to a certain Lucien Raffard, from Serrières, a town in the Rhône Valley about ten miles from Annonay. Raffard is still a common name in these parts.

We can furnish the petition to the Bishop of Mende, which you requested in a letter to Wally, but not the one made to the Holy See for the decretum laudis 1838. This latter has been lost, though perhaps a copy of it might still be preserved in the archives of the community in Rome.

Tomorrow, Thursday afternoon, Father Roume and I plan to drive to the original parishes of Fathers Jean Vallon and Henri Martinesche, which aren't more than about 20 or 25 miles away. But I don't know what luck we'll have. Neither parish has a residing pastor, so we'll have to do some scouting around to find the key to the sacristy or the rectory, wherever



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the records are kept. I'll keep you posted.

So the Basilians were snubbed in Lindsay. Who was the cad? I'll have my revenge at an opportune moment, when he least expects it.

Thursday, December 3, we took our "minor seminarians" (I mean those of our students who have expressed a wish to study for the priesthood, 21) to Notre Dame d'Ay for an afternoon of fun, prayer and reflection. The day was beautiful, and the event a success, I believe. We hope to hold another in the after Christmas term as well. Programme: picnic lunch (inside), games outside, conference by Father Auguste Pouzol, discussion, Mass at 4 p.m., goûter, return. I think vocations are coming, at least the foundations are being well laid.

Always glad to hear from you, but go easy on the statistics — they drive us berserk.

Sincerely in Domino,

Kevin.

(Letter from Kevin Kirely transcribed from the original deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers, Toronto.)

























